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THEIR REPORT REGARDING HOLLY SALES COMPANY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

SHIPPING HOLLYCRANE MACHINES TO VERMONT WHICH WERE CONFISCATED.

FOR INFO BUREAU AND OMAHA, USA ST. PAUL WAS ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF

OMAHA TEL TO BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS NOVEMBER THIRTY. HE WILL

AWAIT FINAL OPINION OF AUSA DES MOINES, IOWA. HE ADVISES A

FEDERAL GRAND JURY WILL MEET IN ST. PAUL ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER

ELEVEN NEXT. USA IS GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO POSSIBLY INDICTING HOLLY

SALES COMPANY FOR NOT REGISTERING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL. THEREFORE,

ALBANY SHOULD EXPEDITE OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATION AND SUBMIT REPORT.

SUGGEST OMAHA ASCERTAIN FROM AUSA DES MOINES WHETHER HE HAS ANY

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[REDACTED] WAS., ET AL. ITGD. RE MINNEAPOLIS TELS
NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER
TWENTYFOUR LAST ENTITLED PASTER DISTRIBUTING CO., ST. PAUL,
MINNESOTA, ITGD. AUSA CLOID I. LEVEL, DES MOINES, IA. ADVISED
TODAY THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO PROSECUTE INSTANT CASE INVOLVING
TRANSPORTATION OF SLOTS FROM DAVENPORT, IA., TO ROCK ISLAND,
ILL. PER REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] NOVEMBER FIVE LAST AT
OMAHA. INASMUCH AS SAME APPEARS FROM REPORTED INVESTIGATION TO BE
A CLEAR CUT INDEPENDENT CASE ACTUALLY INVOLVING SLOT MACHINES, BUT THAT
HE ORIGINALLY FELT THAT IF THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE, WHICH COVERS THE
SITUS OF THE PASTER AND MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANIES HAD
DEVELOPED A SUBSTANTIAL CASE OR CASES INVOLVING SLOT MACHINES,
THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE TO JEOPARDISE SUCH CASES BY PREMATURE PROSECUTION
WHICH WAS HIS REASON FOR PREVIOUSLY HAVING INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT
OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR INSTITUTING PROSECUTIVE
ACTION. HE SAID THAT HE FEELS THE CASE IN HIS DIST. IS MUCH STRONGER
THAN THE ONE INVOLVING THE HOLLY CRANE MACHINES INASMUCH AS IT

ACTUALLY INVOLVES SLOTS AND DESIRES TO PROCEED WITH PROSECUTION THEREOF.

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THE ONLY QUESTION BEING AS TO THE TIME ELEMENT IN WHICH REGARD HE SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO PROCEED ON INFORMATION AND WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE SAME BY INDICTMENT WHICH WILL NECESSITATE THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL GRAND JURY. HE WILL GIVE THE MATTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND WIL RENDER HIS FINAL OPINION SOME TIME NEXT WEEK, AT WHICH TIME THE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/6/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/20, 26, 27, 28, 12/3, 4/51	REPORT MADE BY SA plh
TITLE [redacted] was. ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Records of Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minn., reflect Mayflower Distributing Co., Paster Distributing Co. and Holly Sales Co., all of St. Paul, Minn., all registered as corporations. Washington Field Office advises Paster Distributing Co. and Holly Sales Co. not registered with Attorney General. Re-interviews set forth with [redacted] and [redacted] re rental of trucks to Mayflower Distributing Co.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Page - 1, 3, 5, 6, 8</i> <i>8-13, 16, 8</i> <i>25-1</i> <i>27-3</i> <i>28-3</i> <i>29-6</i> <i>30-6</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">--P--</p>			
DETAILS: <p>The Albany Office advised, on November 24, 1951, that [redacted] Montreal, Quebec, stopped at the U. S. Customs, Richford, Vermont, with five hollycrane digger machines manufactured by Como Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois; that [redacted] picked up the machines from the Central Vermont Railroad at Richmond, Vermont on November 23, 1951; that [redacted] purchased the machines from the Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota; that the bill of lading indicates the machines were shipped by the Holly Sales Company, same address, in St. Paul, Minnesota; that the machines were seized upon authorization of the United States Attorney, Burlington, Vermont.</p> <p>The Albany Office requested the Chicago and Washington Field Offices to ascertain if the above companies are registered with the Attorney General.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>b6</i> <i>b7C</i></p>			
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The Washington Field Office advised, on November 26, 1951, that the Paster Distributing Company, Holly Sales Company, both of St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Como Manufacturing Company of Chicago, Illinois, are not registered with the Attorney General.

The Chicago Office, on November 27, 1951, advised that the records of the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, do not reflect that the Como Manufacturing Company is registered; that [redacted] of the Como Manufacturing Company, has previously informed the Chicago Office that the Como Manufacturing Company has not registered and has not reported sales of hollycranes with closed prized chute on advice of Como Company attorneys that they do not consider the hollycrane a gambling device under Public Law 906.

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C. U. LANDRUM, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised the writer and Special Agent [redacted] on November 27, 1951, that as a result of information appearing in the numerous reports in this case, he is very anxious to authorize prosecution in Minnesota. He also advised that the United States Attorney at Des Moines, Iowa recently indicated his desire to prosecute and that he was going to clear through the Attorney General. The Omaha Office was requested to have the United States Attorney at Des Moines, Iowa outline his contemplated action. The Omaha Office, on November 30, 1951, advised that CLOID I. LEBEL, Assistant United States Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that he has decided to prosecute instant case involving transportation of slot machines from Davenport, Iowa to Rock Island, Illinois inasmuch as the same appears to be a clear-cut independent case actually involving slot machines. He further advised that if the Minneapolis Office, which covers the situs of the Paster and Mayflower Distributing Companies, had developed a substantial case or cases involving slot machines, that he did not desire to jeopardize such cases by premature prosecution which was his reason for previously having indicated that he might obtain clearance from the Department for instituting prosecutive action. Mr. LEBEL stated he feels the case in his district is much stronger than the one involving the hollycrane machines inasmuch as it actually involves slots and that he desires to proceed with prosecution; that he does not wish to proceed on Information and would prefer to handle the same by indictment which would necessitate the calling of a special grand jury. He further advised that he will give the matter further consideration and will render his final opinion during the coming week.

C. U. LANDRUM, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, was advised of the above facts on December 3, 1951 and he advised that he would await the final

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opinion of the Assistant United States Attorney at Des Moines, Iowa. He further advised that a federal grand jury will meet in St. Paul on or about December 11, 1951. He further stated he was giving some thought to possibly indicting the Holly Sales Company for not registering with the Attorney General and he requested that an inquiry be made to determine whether or not the Holly Sales Company is a corporation.

The Albany Office was requested to expedite their investigation and to report and designate copies to the interested offices, including the United States Attorneys at St. Paul and Des Moines, which report will contain detailed information regarding the shipment of the five hollycranes from Minnesota to Vermont.

HOLLY SALES COMPANY

The 1950-51 St. Paul City Directory lists the Holly Sales Company, coin machines, as being located at 2218 University Avenue and that same directory lists the following individuals as officers:

HERMAN PASTER - President
ALLEN I. NILVA - Vice President
WALTER D. JOHNSON - Secretary-Treasurer

The November, 1951 St. Paul Street-Address Telephone Directory lists the following concerns as all being located at 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that all have the same telephone number, NEStor 7901:

Mayflower Distributing Company
Ajax Refrigeration Company
Holly Sales Company
Paster Distributing Company
Progress Finance Company

[redacted] of known reliability, advised Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] that their records reflect that the Holly Sales Company is a distributor of coin machines at 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota; that the officers are A. I. NILVA, who is President, and WALTER D. JOHNSON, who is Secretary-Treasurer; that the directors are also the officers. In regard to background information of the Holly Sales Company, this company was chartered March 1, 1948 and that the officers are also associated in similar concerns. The reports reflect that their net worth is \$41,336.

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According to the records, the corporation was founded to distribute coin machines and it is closely associated with the Mayflower and Paster Distributing Companies. The report also reflects that A. I. NILVA formerly was a practicing attorney. The reports also make reference to a Mr. ENGLE, Age 51, as being sales manager for Holly Sales Company, Mayflower Distributing Company and Paster Distributing Company; that ENGLE is married and has been a resident for many years and that he formerly was with the Labeau Novelty Sales Company.

The reports also reflect that the Holly Sales Company has the distributorship for the Como Manufacturing Corporation of Chicago, Illinois. The reports reflect that HERMAN PASTER is the principal in the affiliated companies from which the Holly Sales Company has some accounts receivable; that these accounts prevail quite consistently throughout the year and represent a shifting of inventory.

The 1950-51 St. Paul City Directory lists MATTHEW E. (REULAND) ENGEL (not ENGLE) as being sales manager of the Mayflower Distributing Company and as living at 259 South Lexington Parkway.

At the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, Agents [] and [] interviewed H. H. CHESTERMAN, Assistant Secretary of State, who advised that the Paster Distributing Company was chartered January 31, 1946 and their capital at that time was \$60,000; that the incorporators were [] and [], all of whom were listed as being located at 1220 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

CHESTERMAN further advised that the Holly Sales Company is registered as a corporation and their charter was filed March 3, 1948 and their capital was \$1,000; that the incorporators were [] and [], all of whom were located at Room 1220 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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CHESTERMAN further advised that the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, was registered as a corporation and their charter was filed October 15, 1946 and that their capital was \$100,000 and the incorporators were A. I. NILVA, [] and []. These records also reflect that NILVA, [] and [] were officers as well as directors.

[], Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that in each and every corporation, such

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corporation or company is a separate entity in itself.

In Minneapolis report dated November 8, 1951, there contains detailed information concerning the Holly Sales Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, filing a U. S. Corporation income tax return for the fiscal year beginning February 17, 1948 and ending January 31, 1949; that the return was filed by ALLEN I. MILVA, President, and WALTER JOHNSON, Secretary and it listed its principal business activity as "distributor of coin slot machines." The return also reflects the company was incorporated March 3, 1948.

RE-INTERVIEWS WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

At the Larson Transfer Company, 2010 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the writer, on November 20, 1951, re-interviewed [REDACTED] whose original interview appears in Minneapolis report dated October 18, 1951. He advised that he was not around when the two Vanette trucks were rented nor when the large truck was rented on the third occasion nor when it was returned. However, he recalled that when the Mayflower Distributing Company first rented the Vanette truck, he recalls when the truck was returned as he stated their office was then located downstairs and that he remembers a well-dressed man who was about 30 years of age and who was about 5' 7" tall, came into the office and stated he was returning the truck. [REDACTED] believes that there was another man outside who did not come into the office and he assumed that this other individual probably drove the truck back and that the two of them left in the well-dressed man's car; however, [REDACTED] stated he did not see any car and just surmised this.

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In regard to this well-dressed man, [REDACTED] stated that he recalls that individual, name unknown, telling him that he also had been in the Air Force with his son, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he believes he apparently wrote the mileage down and told them that he would send them a bill.

[REDACTED] stated that after the Mayflower Distributing Company rented their two Vanette trucks and their larger truck, that he recalled, on one occasion, a Jewish or Italian fellow who was somewhat short and who had a slight accent, hung around the place for several hours awaiting a truck. [REDACTED] stated that this would have been the fourth time the Mayflower Distributing Company would have rented a truck; that this visit was after the large truck was returned and that he recalls this Jewish or Italian fellow had to hang around as they were fixing something on the truck. [REDACTED] stated that this

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individual then received a phone call in their office and [] stated if his recollection is correct this individual, who was dressed in working clothes, made some remark that [] had just called him and told him to return to the office without renting the truck. [] stated this individual then left and that was the last he saw of him. [] further stated that they had a Chevrolet truck with a green cab and a Dodge truck with a maroon cab but that the boxes on both of these trucks were of the same type and were both of maroon color. [] stated that he is positive the Mayflower Distributing Company rented from them their Dodge truck which was all maroon. He also recalled that when this Dodge maroon truck was returned someone, whom he could not recall, told him about the truck having a flat tire, however, he stated no new tire was put on the truck and that no adjustment or deduction was allowed for this repair. He stated if his recollection is correct, someone mentioned something about a crease having been found in the tube or something like that. [] further advised that they have never had any tail boards or canvas on any of their trucks.

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[] further stated to his recollection there was no discussion or request by the Mayflower Distributing Company to have any rebate in regard to the flat tire. He further stated neither he nor his son knew what the trucks were going to be used for. He further advised that their trucks, which contain the insignia of the airplane or bird and the wording of Capital, etc., appear only on trucks of this airline and that to his knowledge there are no other trucks in the country with a similar advertisement.

At this time, [] was exhibited photographs of the following individuals:

[] -- taken in 1939
ALBERT GARDNER - FBI #283270 -- taken in 1936
SAMUEL TARAN - FBI #196876 -- taken 6/15/44
HERMAN PASTER - FBI #732906 -- taken 6/15/44

After looking at the above photographs, [] laid aside the photograph of [] taken in 1939, and he stated it looked like the well-dressed man whom he referred to above as having returned the Vanette truck. However, he stated that picture appears to be taken when that individual was younger. He further stated that if he saw this individual in person, he felt he could make a more definite and positive statement.

He also laid aside the above mentioned photograph of ALBERT GARDNER and stated it looked very much like the Italian or Jewish individual who hung around

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the office on the fourth occasion as mentioned above and who then left without renting a truck.

[redacted], mentioned above, was again shown the above mentioned four photographs, but he was unable to make any identification. He was again questioned in detail as to just how many times he saw the individuals who rented and obtained these trucks and he stated that to his recollection when the first Vanette truck was returned, it was returned by a well-dressed man who stated that he, [redacted], looked very familiar; that this well-dressed man stated that he was at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin during the last war. [redacted] stated he told this man, name unknown, that he himself was at the same field from October until Christmas, 1942 in the radio and radar school. [redacted] stated he told this man that he looked familiar to him, but that he could not place him.

[redacted] was rather vague in regard to the flat tire incident and stated he remembers about the big Dodge truck having a flat tire and stated that he remembers positively there was no new tire put on and that he never examined the tire to see what damage was done. He also stated there was no deduction or reimbursement allowed.

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[redacted] further advised that in regard to the man telephoning him about renting a semi-trailer, that he does not know whether this man who telephoned was the same well-dressed man referred to above, or whether he was a different individual as he could not recall whether they gave any names or not. He further stated that he could not recall who came over and rented this Dodge truck.

[redacted] further stated that he recalls seeing the above mentioned well-dressed man on at least one occasion (this possibly could be [redacted]) and that he also recalls seeing a driver around on one occasion and he stated he believed this was the time when the driver left without getting the truck and that this would have been the fourth occasion.

When questioned as to what other employees they might have who would have handled such transactions, he stated their only other employee would have been [redacted].

[redacted], Minneapolis, Minnesota, mechanic, Larson Transfer Company, advised the writer and Special Agent [redacted], that he remembers the Dodge maroon truck coming back into the garage during the day

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time, but he could not recall who brought it back nor on what date. He further stated that he has some recollection about somebody saying something about that truck having a flat tire while waiting on a trip, but he could not recall from whom he heard this remark. He also recalled that when the Vanette truck was returned, that someone said something about the truck having a fire in the floorboard. He further could not recall having been around when the Dodge truck was rented out. He was unable to identify any of the above four photographs and also could not recall the driver hanging around the garage on the fourth occasion.

ALLEN NILVA

[redacted] Credit Bureau of St. Paul, Endicott Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that their records reflect that ALLEN NILVA, an attorney, is a brother-in-law of Mr. PASTER and that PASTER's wife is a [redacted] that NILVA attended local schools and the University of Minnesota Law School in 1933; that he was 27 years of age in 1938; that his parents are Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS NILVA; that he took the Bar examination in July, 1935 and was admitted in September, 1935. His office is located in Room 1000, Guardian Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the file reflects that he is an attorney for the following:

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H. J. Slawik Motor Company
American Acceptance Corporation
Westerlin Campbell Company
Blue & White Cab
Utility Finance Company
Car Exchange
B-Line Service
Mayflower Novelty Company
Sperry Realty Company
Big Horn Placen & Mining Company, Billings.

Previous reports reflect that ALLEN ISADORE NILVA was fingerprinted by the Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, on December 14, 1942. The St. Louis Office has been requested to check the War Department records at St. Louis, Missouri, in an effort to obtain a photograph of ALLEN ISADORE NILVA.

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WALTER DONALD JOHNSON

[redacted] Credit Bureau of St. Paul, Endicott Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised she had no record for a WALTER DONALD JOHNSON who is an accountant and employee of the Mayflower Distributing Company at 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MISCELLANEOUS

The information appearing in Minneapolis report dated November 29, 1951, concerning [redacted] will be investigated and reported in the separate case entitled, [redacted] INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES."

In regard to the Smith Brothers Novelty Company in Fargo, North Dakota, who are mentioned in previous reports as having purchased hollycrane machines in St. Paul, Minnesota, a separate case has been opened and all further investigation will be reported in that separate file rather than in instant case.

In the case entitled, "SURVEY OF GAMBLING DEVICES ON WHICH \$150.00 TAX WAS PAID TO THE COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES" there is a Minneapolis report dated November 19, 1951 which reflects that according to the records of the Collector of Internal Revenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, Harkins Bowling, Inc., 67 East 8th Street, St. Paul 2, Minnesota, paid \$150.00 tax in July, 1951 and received stamp number 7503. That report reflects that on October 12, 1951 Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] visited the Harkins Bowling Inc., 67 East 8th Street, St. Paul 2, Minnesota, and they noted that there was a "hollycrane" on the bowling alley floor and on the top of this machine was marked "Holly Sales Corporation, 2218 University Avenue." [redacted] was, at that time, out of town on an extended hunting trip and no further inquiry was made; however, it was noted that it was a machine which operates for 10¢ a play.

The report makes reference to [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted], Branca and Macent, 2513 University Avenue, St. Paul 4, Minnesota, paying \$150 tax on one coin operated device in July, 1951 and receiving stamp number 7500.

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The above report reflects that Agents [] and [] interviewed [] of Macent & Branca, 2513 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, who advised that the present 10¢ machine has been there about 6 months, having been changed about 6 months ago from a 5¢ machine. This has the number 398 stamped on the upper right hand corner next to where the player stands and the name "Holly Sales Company" is on the sign appearing on the machine.

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[] of known reliability, identified the photo of HERMAN PASTER, FBI # 732906, and stated he knows PASTER is connected with the Mayflower Distributing Company and the Paster Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota, which outfits, in the past, have handled gambling devices and pin ball machines; that PASTER was in partnership with SAMUEL TARAN; that he was never very friendly with PASTER and has never had any dealings with him at all nor has he seen him for a number of years.

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[] was exhibited the photograph of SAMUAL TARAN and stated he personally knew TARAN in the old days in St. Paul, Minnesota; that he has not seen TARAN for a couple of years as he understands TARAN has moved his business and family to Florida.

[] was unable to identify the photographs of [] and of ALBERT GARDNER. Informant further advised that he has not heard anything at all about slot machines being transported interstate, but he will keep his eyes and ears open for such information.

Numerous offices have been requested to check educational records in an effort to obtain a later photograph of [].

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The Identification Division of the Bureau advised that they were unable to locate any identification record for WALTER DONALD JOHNSON who was born March 16, 1906.

Instant file reflects that in connection with another investigation, [] Minneapolis, Minnesota, was interviewed relative to his having worked for the Busch Distributing Company. He was interviewed regarding various individuals owning and possessing slot machines and during the interview he remarked that he was at the Mayflower Distributing Company which is operated by HERMAN PASTER in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1939. He stated that there is a room in this building which contains 200 or more

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new and used slot machines..

[] further advised that [] bought out HERMAN PASTER and the Wurlitzer Distributorship after [] had relinquished it to PASTER.

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The Chicago, Springfield, Albany and Milwaukee Offices are being furnished copies of this report for information purposes inasmuch as they are interested in instant investigation.

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LEADS

THE OMAHA OFFICE

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will review the information appearing in this report to determine whether or not additional investigation should be conducted.

THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will report any additional information which was received from criminal informants, potential criminal informants, or sources of information, regarding subjects in instant investigation.

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Will maintain contact with C. U. LINDRUM, United States Attorney, relative to possible prosecution of Holly Sales Company and Paster Distributing Company for failure to register with Attorney General and for transporting the five hollycranes from St. Paul, Minnesota to Vermont.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent
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Report of Special Agent
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

dated 11/29/51 at

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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PASTER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ITGD. RE ALBANY
TEL NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. RECORDS OF USA, CHICAGO, DO NOT REFLECT
COMO MANUFACTURING COMPANY REGISTERED. OF
COMO COMPANY, HAS PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THE CHICAGO OFFICE THAT COMO
COMPANY HAS NOT REGISTERED AND HAS NOT REPORTED SALES OF HOLLY CRANES
WITH CLOSED PRIZED CHUTE ON ADVICE OF COMO COMPANY ATTORNEYS THAT
THEY DO NOT CONSIDER HOLLY CRANE A GAMBLING DEVICE UNDER PUBLIC LAW
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (71-3129)

DATE: December 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (71-161)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was. ETAL
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Re Omaha memo to Bureau dated December 7, 1951 suggesting Bureau and Minneapolis office give consideration to the opening of an independent case file in which Minneapolis would be origin and which would cover any activities of the Paster Distributing Company, the Mayflower Distributing Company and their employees or representatives, which does not appear to be related to this case or the activities on the basis of the Paster interests in the territory of the Omaha Division.

It is to be noted that instant [REDACTED] file reflects detailed information regarding the identity, background and activities of the above mentioned companies as well as their employees. These numerous reports reflect that this information was obtained not only from investigation, but from credit records, [REDACTED] Identification Records, and even from the records of the Attorney General relative to the Mayflower Distributing Company being registered.

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Up to the present time, this office has been using the [REDACTED] file as the main file in which all information regarding the Mayflower Distributing Company, etal, or its employees, is being placed.

It is felt that if a separate file were now opened in which Minneapolis would be origin, it would be a duplication of files as no doubt much reference would have to be made to instant [REDACTED] case as the [REDACTED] file, at the present time, contains a valuable amount of information regarding these companies and employees.

The suggestion is being made that inasmuch as the Omaha office is so desirous of opening a separate file, that that office prepare a prosecutive summary and then place that prosecutive summary and all subsequent investigation in their separate file, and Omaha should be designated as origin in that case.

If this suggestion is complied with, then it is suggested that the Bureau grant authority to have Minneapolis made as the office of origin in instant [REDACTED] case and if that is done, the Omaha Office can then prepare an RUC report and from then on the Minneapolis office will continue to report all information regarding the Mayflower Distributing Company etal in instant file. If the above is done, it is suggested that the Omaha office in their RUC report,

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then change the title to reflect as subjects MAYFLOWER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, PASTER DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, ~~HOLLY~~ SALES COMPANY, ITGD.

If the above suggestions are complied with and the Omaha office then continues with their separate case entitled [REDACTED], was. ITDG, it is suggested that the Omaha office continue to forward to the Minneapolis office for Minneapolis file 71-161, copies of their subsequent reports.

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However, if the Bureau and the Omaha office feel that two cases should be opened, the Bureau should so advise.

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TITLE CHANGED		CHARACTER OF CASE	
[redacted]		INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES	
[redacted] ALBERT H. GARDNER, was.,		[redacted]	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Abraham Gardner, Al Gardner; HERMAN PASTER			
<p>SYNOPSIS: Investigation at Davenport, Iowa, reflects that on or about 3-1-51 [redacted] came to that city, presumably from Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota, and negotiated for the purchase of slot machines with [redacted] and [redacted], respectively [redacted] Davenport, Iowa, also with one WILLIAM C. KNOOP, a Davenport tavern owner, which negotiations resulted in the purchase of 28 slot machines from the above post and 10 from KNOOP the following day. On 3-2-51 [redacted] and one AL GARDNER, stated to be an employee of the Herman Paster interests in St. Paul, Minnesota, loaded seven of the slot machines purchased from the post into a truck at Davenport, Iowa, and proceeded in the truck to Rock Island, Illinois, where the remaining 21 slots of the post were loaded into the truck. Following that the ten machines purchased from KNOOP were loaded into the truck also at Rock Island, Illinois, and [redacted] and GARDNER left Rock Island in the truck containing the load of the above machines, presumably for St. Paul, Minnesota. On 3-1-51 [redacted] made arrangements with the Davenport Elks Club for the purchase of 38 slot machines under which he was to call for same with a truck on the evening of 3-5-51 which arrangements were canceled on the afternoon of that date. Also on 3-1-51 he contacted [redacted], who was formerly a leading slot machine operator at Davenport, Iowa, in an attempt to purchase slot machines from [redacted]. Descriptions and serial numbers of four of the machines purchased from the above American Legion Post were obtained from records of that post and two of said machines are found to be included in the various inventories of the Mayflower Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, filed with the Office of the Attorney</p>			
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General of the United States for the period June-September, 1951. Detailed descriptions and serial numbers of the remaining 24 American Legion machines and the ten KNOOP machines unavailable from records at Davenport, Iowa. Signed statements of [] KNOOP, [] and FRANK PALMER, formerly the Exalted Ruler of the Davenport Elks Lodge, are set forth together with the results of investigation conducted at various points in Iowa and at Omaha, Nebraska. Description of [] set forth.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case has been changed to reflect the full name of the subject [] as [] per information relating to him as reflected by the Minnesota State Drivers License Division, St. Paul, Minnesota. The name of ALBERT H. GARDNER has been added to the title of this case inasmuch as he has been tentatively identified as the individual who assisted subject [] in the loading and transportation of the slot machines purchased from the Davenport American Legion Post and WILLIAM C. KNOOP, tavern owner, Davenport, Iowa, and the subsequent interstate transportation thereof from the Davenport, Iowa - Rock Island, Illinois area to St. Paul, Minnesota. The name of HERMAN PASTER has also been added to the title inasmuch as it appears that he may be guilty of a violation of the general Conspiracy Statute in connection with his activities and directing the acquisition and transportation of the above slot machines.

AT DAVENPORT, IOWA

Frequent contact was maintained by the reporting agent with Confidential Informant, [], of known reliability, with negative results throughout the period covered by this report until early September, 1951, at which time [] advised of having received an indication from Confidential Informant, [], hereinafter mentioned, to the general effect that [] had had a falling out with the HERMAN PASTER interests and was no longer in their employ.

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Confidential Informant, [], of unknown reliability, but whose information has been corroborated by subsequent investigation, was originally contacted on September 19, 1951. At that time [] advised that he was something more than superficially acquainted with [] and had heard, on several recent occasions, [] express himself as being very hostile to HERMAN PASTER, [] and various other officials and executives of the PASTER Distributing Company and the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota. [] advised that [] dislike was apparently predicated upon [] belief that he had been

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cheated out of a substantial sum of money by the HERMAN PASTER interests. [] expressed a belief that [] could be discreetly contacted with relation to any activities of the PASTER interests in general and specifically with relation to any activities of HERMAN PASTER, [] and other officials of the various companies owned or controlled by HERMAN PASTER.

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On September 26, 1951, [] LeClaire, Iowa, was interviewed. At the outset of the interview [] was apprised of the fact that the interview might be somewhat lengthy in reply to which he advised that he would like to be cooperative in every way but that it was imperative that he proceed without much delay to Creston, Iowa, in connection with his business as a [] Iowa. [] said that although his time was limited on that occasion, that he would be glad to orally discuss the matter and would subsequently be happy to execute a written statement to tell her the information furnished during the interview.

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The following information was then orally elicited from []:

[] was originally employed by HERMAN PASTER, personally, to work as a salesman for the PASTER Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota in the State of Iowa. In addition he was given the right to work in several counties bordering the Mississippi River in Western Illinois which adjoins the State of Iowa. His duties were to sell various types of coin operated equipment, both new and used, and he also had authority to purchase used coin operated devices where ever same could be obtained at prices which would enable resell by his company at a profit. Included in the devices mentioned were bowling alleys, shuffle boards, juke boxes, various types of coin operated vending machines, and other similar items. He was aware at all times that the PASTER Distributing Company, and its sister company, the Mayflower Distributing Company, also of St. Paul, Minnesota handled slot machines and other types of coin operated devices obviously intended for use as gambling devices. He was given to understand at all times that his ultimate was HERMAN PASTER.

He was to receive \$75.00 a week for his services plus 3% commission on the gross of all business handled by him and the contract for his services was an oral contract, without witnesses, between himself and HERMAN PASTER.

According to information received by him from HERMAN PASTER, the PASTER interests had for some time been attempting to set up a branch office somewhere in the State of Iowa, but had been unable to do so because a law

of the State of Iowa which provides that no corporation of a foreign state might be authorized to do business in Iowa in the event that the primary purpose of such business was the sale and distribution of coin operated machines which might be classed as gambling devices.

Sometime during the year 1950, however, the PASTER interests bought a substantial share, believed to be a controlling interest, in the coin operated machine business of one [redacted] at Des Moines, Iowa. [redacted] believes that [redacted] business originally was known as the [redacted] but after the acquirement of an interest in that business by the PASTER interests, the company was called the P & S Distributing Company. Thereafter the P & S Distributing Company was regarded by the PASTER interests as being the Iowa Branch Office of those interests and [redacted] was regarded, more or less, as being the manager of that branch office. From the time that this purchase arrangement became effective, [redacted] was advised to "work out of" the Des Moines Branch Office, rather than the St. Paul Office of the PASTER Distributing Company, as previously. It was also indicated to him that [redacted] would henceforth be his immediate superior although he was clearly given to understand that HERMAN PASTER was [redacted] boss.

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[redacted] said that he continued to work as above mentioned under the new set up and that although he apparently had the right to make sales anywhere in the State of Iowa or in the fringe counties of Western Illinois bordering Iowa, that he concentrated his activities in the Southeastern quarter of the State of Iowa with accent on that portion of the state which lies immediately adjacent to the City of Davenport.

[redacted] mentioned that [redacted] frequently advised him, [redacted] that he, [redacted], wanted to have nothing whatsoever to do with slot machines and that he never saw or heard anything which would indicate anything to the contrary.

[redacted] said that he quit the employ of the PASTER Distributing Company in April 1951, after he had tried unsuccessfully on numerous occasions to persuade HERMAN PASTER to acknowledge the terms of his contract of employment, set forth above, which terms PASTER consistently denied on every occasion. [redacted] said that he feels that he was cheated out of approximately \$12,000. by HERMAN PASTER and the PASTER interests in general and that his feeling toward the whole setup is one of extreme antagonism. He also said that he believes that [redacted] is also at odds with HERMAN PASTER and the PASTER interests generally as he has recently learned that [redacted] is suing the PASTER interests for a large sum of money, having rather recently terminated his partnership working arrangement with those interests.

Until approximately February, 1951, [] was exclusively engaged in selling the merchandise and equipment of the PASTER Distributing Company, the collection of its accounts and the purchase for resale of used equipment which came to his attention. Until approximately that time he was not requested to deal in slot machines on behalf of the PASTER Distributing Company.

During February 1951, however, he received two or three long distance telephone calls from HERMAN PASTER personally which were apparently made to him for the express purpose of inducing him, [] to "line up" slot machines which could be purchased at sacrifice prices by the PASTER Distributing Company. On the occasion of each call PASTER pointed out to [] that the so called "Minnesota law" then pending in the Iowa Legislature was certain to pass and that the penalties which could be inflicted under this law for the mere possession of slot machines or other gambling devices were so severe that no one would care to retain the slot machines in Iowa. PASTER also explained that in view of this [] could undoubtedly locate and make preliminary arrangements for the purchase of slot machines from former slot operators in private clubs in the Davenport area which could be bought up at sacrifice prices, transported to St. Paul, Minnesota, and subsequently resold by the PASTER Distributing Company for large profits. He said that he also received one or more long distance telephone calls in February, 1951, to the same general effect from [].

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[] said that on each occasion he pointed out to PASTER or [] the provisions of the new Federal law prohibiting interstate transportation of slot machines and on each occasion advised them that he did not care to become "mixed up" in any dealings which might cause him to run afoul of the Federal statute. In response he was told by PASTER that if he would not get out and line up these machines for purchase that he would be out of a job. [] said that he also argued with PASTER about the matter, explaining that [] was positively opposed to engagement in any activity of this kind and that he was being put between two fires, so to speak, by conflicting instructions received from PASTER and [] on the one hand and [] on the other. He was advised in this connection by PASTER that he, [], was working for PASTER and not [] and PASTER had instructed him to ignore any conflicting instructions which had been made or which might be made by [] in the future.

[] said that he also recalls that he received a letter from HERMAN PASTER, probably during February, 1951, to the same general effect and that he would be willing to turn the letter over to be used as evidence if he could locate same. In this connection it is to be noted that subsequently contacts with [], the last of which was on October 22, 1951, had indicated that [] has been unable to locate the above mentioned letter, although he claimed on the latter date that he has made a diligent effort to find same. He concedes that he may still have the letter in his

possession and that it may show up at some later date, on which point he will be followed on the occasion of each subsequent contact. [] states, in this regard, however, that he is strongly inclined to believe that he may have thrown the letter away immediately after having received and read same because it was his recollection that the letter contained nothing other than the type of instructions above mentioned and bore no relation to other subjects, with the result that he would probably have considered it unworthy of retention.

[] went on to state that his instructions from HERMAN PASTER were to the general effect that he should locate a substantial quantity of slot machines in the Davenport area which might be susceptible of purchase at nominal prices and thereafter should contact the headquarters of the PASTER Distributing Company at St. Paul, Minnesota, whereupon [], or some other authorized representative of that company, would come to Davenport to negotiate^{for} and purchase the machines and would make arrangements for their transportation to the PASTER Distributing Company at St. Paul, Minnesota.

[] went on to state that he gave the demands of HERMAN PASTER and [] considerable consideration and mentioned the matter to [] who instructed him not to become involved in dealing with slot machines. Following this [], during the course of a long distance telephone conversation with HERMAN PASTER late in February 1951, advised PASTER of [] instructions. Again PASTER told [] not to pay any attention to [] stating that he, PASTER, was the boss and demanding that [] follow his instructions.

[] therefore decided that it would be advisable for him to do as he was told by PASTER and accordingly he made inquiries in Davenport as to the possible availability of slot machines in that community. In this connection he learned that American Legion Post #26, WILLIAM C. KNOOP, owner of KNOOP's tavern, the Davenport Elks Club and [] still owned machines which they would probably be willing to sell. [] said that it is his present recollection that he estimated at that time that at least 70 slot machines could be purchased from these sources.

After making the above inquiries, [] telephonically contacted either HERMAN PASTER or [], he could not recall which, by long distance phone and advised them as to the result of his above inquiries. [] estimates that this was probably during the early part of the last week in February after having been advised by the reporting agent that it was at

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midnight on Friday February 24, 1951 that the Minnesota law went into effect in the State of Iowa. At the time of making this long distance call, he was advised by whoever he talked to that [] would be in Davenport shortly and would take over the negotiations for the purchase of the machines and would also have a truck available to return same to the PASTER Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota, after they had been acquired.

[] recalled that [] made arrangements to come to Davenport on a specific date for that purpose but for some reason was delayed a day or two.

On or about March 1, 1951, [] came to Davenport by train from Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota and registered at the Blackhawk Hotel. [] contacted [] and requested that [] come to his hotel room which [] did, and thereafter they had a discussion about the availability of slot machines in the community. [] at that time repeated to [] the above set forth results of his inquiries in Davenport and [] suggested that [] make the rounds of the various possible sources of supply with him inasmuch as [] was known in the community and [] was a total stranger.

[] said that the exact sequence of the occurrences which ensued is not clear in his recollection but that he was sure that [] was in town for only that day and part of the day following and that he and [] made various contacts for machines on the first day and that on the second day [] loaded and transported the machines as will be mentioned later on in this report.

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[] said that he recalls that both he and [] made some telephone calls from [] room in order to contact the various persons who would have authority to negotiate for the sale of the machines of the American Legion and Davenport Elks Club and that they may have made some additional calls. He also recalls that [] called his wife at their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota to advise her of his plans and whereabouts. He also recalls that [] placed a long distance telephone call to HERMAN PASTER at the offices of the PASTER Distributing Company Branch in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and carried on a long distance conversation with PASTER in his presence. [] was able to recall generally that [] advised PASTER that he had lined up approximately 70 machines which could be purchased at sacrificed prices in Davenport, and although [] was of course unable to hear PASTER's response, [] later told [] that PASTER had told him to "buy everything he could get a hold of."

[] believes that it was during the above mentioned conference with [] in [] hotel room shortly after his arrival in the city that [] disclosed to him the fact that he, [] had only a nominal amount of cash in his possession which [] recalls as being only roughly sufficient in amount to defray [] traveling expenses for the trip. [] then commented that he would want to pay cash for any slots which he purchased and

that the sellers no doubt would want to receive cash and that he would, therefore, have to get a check or checks cashed for an amount sufficient to cover the purchase price of any machine obtained.

[] said that he does not recall whether or not he had lunch with [] and is somewhat inclined to believe that he did. [] positively recalls that sometime during that day he and [] went to the Green Front Cigar Store, 115 Brady Street, operated by [] of [], who is generally known in the Davenport community to have been the largest individual operator of slot machines in the community prior to the "crack-down" of Attorney General ROBERT LARSON, which was effective October 30, 1949.

With reference to the contact with [] said that he and [] after entering the cigar store, seated themselves in one of the booths and ordered a sandwich, following which [] asked if [] was in. The waitress or other employee who attended them, brought [] out from the backroom a few minutes later, and [] and [] greeted each other in [] presence. [] said that [] got out of the booth and [] and [] walked a few paces away and held a conversation of a few minutes duration in hushed voices. [] was unable to overhear any of the remarks of either, but immediately after [] resumed his place in the booth, following his conversation with [] advised him that [] had some slot machines which he would probably sell and that [] was going to recontact him in connection with the matter at a subsequent time. [] said that he knew previously that [] and [] were acquainted so it was not necessary for him to act in an introductory capacity on that occasion. [] said that if any machines were subsequently purchased from [] by [] or any other individual that he was unaware of any of the details of such transaction. [] believes that the above mentioned conversation probably took place during lunch time on March 1, 1951, but cannot be positive as to the exact time of day.

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[] went on to state that following the above incident, he and [] walked to Snug Harbor, which is the building housing the American Legion Post #26 and there they contacted [], one of the officers of the post. [] estimates that this was sometime during the early afternoon of March 1, 1951. [] said that he previously had had a superficial acquaintance with [] and, therefore, introduced [] to [] as they were complete strangers. Following that [] advised [] that he was interested in purchasing slot machines as a representative of the PASTER Distributing Company and inquired as to whether or not the Post had any slot machines which it desired to sell. [] advised [] that the

Post owned a number of machines, and [] mentioned a number on that occasion, although [] is unable to state exactly what it was. He said that it is his offhand recollection that the figure given by [] was somewhere around 25 to 35. Following this [] ascertained that [] would not assume authority for the sale of the machines on his personal responsibility and [] suggested that the three of them go to the office of [] in Davenport, who at that time was []

[] suggestion was agreeable to [] and accordingly [] and [] proceeded to [] office where the four of them had a conference with relation to the purchase of the machines by [] after [] had been introduced to [] by []. [] said that the conference was brief inasmuch as [] was apparently very anxious to get rid of the machines and somewhat apprehensive about the Post's continued ownership thereof. [] recalled that a price of approximately \$35. a piece was agreed upon and that [] agreed to assume full responsibility for possession of the machines the instant that each machine was loaded onto the truck which he stated he would supply. [] recalled that 7 or 8 of the machines were stored on the premises of the Post, above mentioned, and that the remainder of the machines were said by [] and [] to be in storage at the Voss Brothers Transfer and Storage Company Warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois. The only other details which [] could recall concerning this conference was that payment was to be made in cash and that [] made some arrangement to contact [] telephonically later the same afternoon or during the evening, at which time he would apprise [] as to when and where they should meet the following day in order to consummate the sale and delivery of the machines.

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Sometime during the afternoon of the same date, [] said that he contacted FRANK L. PALMER, who was then the Exalted Ruler of the Davenport Elks Lodge and advised PALMER that [] was in Davenport, and would like to discuss with PALMER the possibility of purchasing the slot machines owned by the Davenport Elks Club. [] said that he had previously talked with PALMER about the matter and had made arrangements with PALMER to notify him when [] arrived in Davenport. [] said that the result of his call to PALMER was that PALMER said that he would not undertake the full responsibility of disposing of the slot machines owned by the club and that he desired to have a meeting of some of the officers of the club that evening, inviting [] to bring [] to the meeting and submit his proposition. [] mentioned at this point that he is himself a member of the Davenport Elks Lodge and by virtue of such membership had learned that the lodge still had on hand a substantial number of machines estimated by him to range from somewhere between 30 and 40 in number.

[] said that also on the same afternoon he accompanied [] to KNOOP's tavern, 329 West Second Street, and there introduced [] to WILLIAM C. KNOOP, the proprietor. Following this [] and KNOOP entered into a conversation in his presence but to which [] paid little attention. He recalled, however, that KNOOP indicated that he had approximately ten slot machines which he desired to sell. He recalled that [] questioned KNOOP closely as to their make, model, age, condition, type and denomination and that there was some haggling over the price which [] would pay. It was [] general recollection that a sale was shaped up as a result of this conversation and that some arrangement was made by which [] was to recontact KNOOP the following morning to advise KNOOP as to when and where he would meet him and pick up the machines.

[] said that he could recall no further occurrences on the afternoon of March 1, 1951, but believes that he took leave of [] sometime late in the afternoon in order to handle some legitimate business of the P & S Distributing Company. It is his further recollection that he met [] at the Sportsman's Grille in downtown Davenport for dinner the same evening and that after dinner two incidents occurred which he is unable to place with certainty in their proper chronological order.

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It is his best judgment that following their dinner at the Sportsman's Grille, he and [] proceeded to the Davenport Elks Lodge and contacted FRANK L. PALMER, per the above previous arrangements. [] recalled having introduced [] to PALMER as a representative of the PASTER Distributing Company, after which PALMER showed them into their meeting room where there were approximately half a dozen other men assembled. [] recalled that the men consisted chiefly of Chair Officers and Trustees of the Lodge but during the initial interview [] was unable to recall any of the identities of the men present. He proceeded to introduce [] generally by name to the group and thereafter [] had a more or less informal conversation with the men who were present. It is [] recollection that [] started out by saying that he desired to purchase, if everything was favorable, the machines owned by the Lodge and proceeded to ask questions as to their number, age, make, model, condition and other details. It is [] offhand recollection that there were approximately 35-40 machines owned by the Elks Lodge at that time and that [] questions were answered by the various men present at the meeting. He recalls that there was considerable haggling over the prices which [] offered and that [] at first offered various amounts for the different machines but that [] finally agreed to pay a flat figure which [] recalls was \$50. each for the total number of machines. [] said that [] told him that he would have concluded the deal that evening but that the Lodge wanted cash for their machines and he had no money with which to buy them. Accordingly, in [] presence, [] made arrangements with the group to call for the machines at the Lodge building at 7:30 P.M. the following Monday, March 5, 1951. [] agreed to have the cash with him.

at that time and to accept full responsibility for the machines as soon as they were loaded on the truck which he would provide for the purpose of transportation. [] said that this arrangement was canceled by him on the afternoon of March 5, 1951 by telephone call to FRANK L. PALMER, after he, [], had received a long distance telephone call from [] from St. Paul, Minnesota to the effect that [] was suspicious that the Iowa-Minnesota border was being watched and instructing [] to temporarily cancel the arrangements which were to have been carried out that evening. At that time [] told [] to advise the Elks Lodge officials that he would recontact them as soon as "the heat was off."

The other incident which occurred on the night of March 1, 1951, according to [], was that he drove [] in his, [] automobile, to the home of [] in Rock Island or Moline, Illinois to enable [] to cash a check in an amount sufficient to enable him to pay cash for the American Legion and KNOOP slot machines the following day. [] identified [] as the proprietor or manager of the Hallgren Music Company in Moline, Illinois, the latter being described by [] as a legitimate juke box operator. He recalls that [] entered the [] home but does not recall whether or not he accompanied [] into [] home upon their arrival there. He further recalls that [] advised him that [] had cashed a check for him in the amount of approximately \$1700. but [] does not know upon what account the check was drawn, the bank upon which it was drawn, or other details descriptive of the check. He said that [] had known [] previously, no doubt through business contacts.

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[] further recalled that sometime during the afternoon of March 1, 1951, [] placed a long distance telephone call to the PASTER Distributing Company headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota, and talked to one JOHNSON, identified by [] as the Office Manager of that company. According to [] the purpose of this long distance telephone call was to arrange for the truck to be sent from St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota to Davenport and Rock Island, Illinois, for the purpose of picking up such slot machines as [] might be able to purchase. [] requested that the truck arrive in Davenport early the following morning.

[] was apparently told by JOHNSON at that time that he would have a semi-trailer truck in Davenport that same evening. [] explained to [] at the time that the PASTER interests had been employing an individual in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area who owned that truck to do their over-the-road hauling of slot machines to Chicago and points East of Chicago, and at the same time and on other occasions [] indicated that a large number of slot machines had been purchased in the weeks just preceding in the State of Iowa, transported from Iowa to St. Paul, Minnesota, and thence to customers of the PASTER interests.

in Chicago and other areas East of Chicago. [] said that in this connection that [] never gave him any names or places or other details and that he paid very little attention to [] remarks at the time as he had no particular interest in that subject.

[] was unable to recall whether or not he was present in [] company at the time he made the above mentioned call to JOHNSON at St. Paul and said that he would be unable to testify with certainty on this point. He stated, however, that he was either present and heard [] conversation while making the call or that [] had fully described the call to him after making same if, in fact, he was not in [] immediate presence at the time.

[] said that sometime following []'s making the last above mentioned call, but on the same date, [] advised him that he had received a telephone call from JOHNSON to the effect that the man who had previously furnished his services and truck, as above mentioned, for the purpose of hauling slot machines had been contacted and had refused to have anything to do with the matter as he did not want to take the risk of being arrested by Federal authorities or having been involved in connection with interstate transportation of slot machines. JOHNSON had then further advised [] that arrangements had been made to rent a truck from another source and that "AL GARDNER," an old and trusted employee of the PASTER interests, either had just left St. Paul or was just about to leave St. Paul with the rented truck and would arrive in Davenport late that night or early the following morning.

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[] said that he never knew GARDNER personally but has seen him on numerous occasions and believes that he is employed by the PASTER Distributing Company as its shipping clerk. He has heard from sources which he does not now recall that GARDNER is a former "mobster" from the Twin city area and he described GARDNER as being in his fifties, very short and somewhat stocky, completely bald, with dark hair and eyes, and dark complexion and rather obviously of Jewish extraction.

[] explained that his inability to recall with chronological precision the various occurrences of March 1, 1951 was due to several factors. He said that at all times he lacked enthusiasm and was somewhat sceptical of the entire program with the result he was somewhat inattentive to details throughout the day. He also recalled that he left [] company on several occasions in order to conduct legitimate business of the P and S Distributing Company, and mentioned that he was also apart from [] on other instances in order to take care of personal business for short periods of time.

It is [] recollection that he left [] at the Blackhawk Hotel at approximately 9:00 or 10:00 P.M. on the evening of March 1, 1951 and that [] told him at that time to remain at home the following morning and that he, [] would contact him and fix the time and place that they would meet.

[] went on to state that early on the morning of March 2, 1951, [] phoned him at his home and instructed him to meet with [] at Martin's Cigar Store, corner of West Third and Brady Streets, at about 8:30 A.M.

[] proceeded to Davenport in his own automobile and met [] at that time. Also present at Martin's Cigar Store, apparently by previous arrangement with [] was [], the Adjutant of the American Legion Post #26. [] recalls that they talked briefly and following that the three of them proceeded to the American Legion Post building. He observed that "AL" GARDNER was already at the Post building in a truck, presumably the truck which [] had mentioned on the preceding afternoon or evening.

[] said that he did not pay any particular attention to the truck at that time but that it was his offhand recollection that it was a 1949 or 1950 Dodge truck with a van-type body. He recalled that the cap of the truck was red and that the printed lettering on the truck was something like "Capitol" or "Capital Freight" or "Capitol" or "Capital Air Freight". He also recalled that the truck had a picture of an airplane painted somewhere on it. He said that he could not be sure but he seemed to recall that the back of the truck was open with a metal tail gate extending across the bottom of the rear opening and canvass curtains, probably brown in color, hanging from the ceiling of the rear opening in such manner as to conceal the contents of the truck.

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Immediately after the arrival of [] and [] at the Legion building seven or eight slot machines were observed to be carried from the interior of the Legion building and placed inside the truck. It is his recollection that the loading was done by [] and GARDNER. Following that, [] recalled that a mutual arrangement was made to proceed immediately to the Voss Brothers Transfer and Storage Company Warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois for the purpose of loading the remaining machines being purchased from the Legion into the truck. He recalled that [] and GARDNER got into the truck at the Legion building and rode across the Government Bridge from Davenport to Rock Island, Illinois. He believes that [] had his own personal car there and utilized same in going from Davenport to Rock Island by the same route. He also recalls that he himself had his car there but did not proceed directly to Rock Island as he had a matter of business which required his attention for five or ten minutes in downtown Davenport.

[] said that immediately after handling that item of business he proceeded directly to the Voss Brothers Warehouse in the 2100 block on Third Avenue in Rock Island, Illinois, and upon his arrival observed that [] and GARDNER were already there and that the process of loading the machines into the truck from the warehouse dock had virtually been completed. He recalled that [] and GARDNER were talking at the time about having had a tire for the truck repaired at Handelman and Wiesman Company, which is also located in the 2100 block on Third Avenue in Rock Island. [] also recalled that GARDNER mentioned that he had had a flat tire or blowout on the truck somewhere en route from St. Paul, Minnesota to Davenport, Iowa on the preceding night.

[] said that he did not pay any particular attention to the proceedings which transpired at the Voss Warehouse but that he distinctly recalls that [] counted the slot machines in the truck after they had all been loaded and thereafter handed [] a large sum of money in currency which apparently represented the purchase price of the total number of the machines.

Following the payment by [] to [] departed, presumably to return to Davenport and [] drove his automobile to Eddie's New Yorker, a tavern located in downtown Rock Island for the purpose of picking up the machines being purchased by [] from WILLIAM C. KNOOP.

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[] said that [] had apparently made arrangements with KNOOP to meet at that place for the purpose of obtaining KNOOP's machines.

[] does not recall as to whether or not [] rode with him in [] car from the Voss Warehouse to Eddie's New Yorker, or whether [] rode to that place in the truck with GARDNER.

In any event [] stated that at the time he arrived at Eddie's New Yorker GARDNER had the truck parked at the rear door of the tavern and WILLIAM C. KNOOP and the proprietor of Eddie's New Yorker, whose name he does not recall, were waiting for [] at the front of the tavern. [] said that he paid very little attention to the events which transpired there, but that it is his general recollection that [] and GARDNER carried approximately ten slot machines from the basement of the tavern out through the rear door and loaded them into the same truck above mentioned. After the machines had been loaded into the truck, or as the last machine or two was being loaded, [] paid KNOOP a sum of money in currency which obviously was the purchase price of the above mentioned machines.

Following this he and [] had a conversation during which [] advised him that he and GARDNER were going to drive the truck containing the above

mentioned slot machines directly to St. Paul, Minnesota but that they intended to refrain from re-entering the State of Iowa as [] was very much afraid that the truck might be stopped by State officers and searched. [] told [] that they were going to proceed to St. Paul by a route generally along the Illinois-Wisconsin side of the Mississippi and cross into Minnesota from an unmentioned point in Wisconsin, proceeding thence to St. Paul, Minnesota. [] appeared to be anxious to get away and entered the truck cab with GARDNER at which point [] left and returned to Davenport.

[] said that in subsequent conversations [] advised him that he and GARDNER had transported the above mentioned load of slot machines from Rock Island, Illinois to St. Paul, Minnesota without incident and had arrived in St. Paul safely the same evening of the same day. [] estimates that it was late in the forenoon or around noon of March 2, 1951 when [] left Rock Island, Illinois.

[] said that he could furnish no other additional information concerning the activities of [] or any other representative of the PASTER Distributing Company or the Mayflower Distributing Company in connection with procuring slot machines, subsequent to January 1, 1951, which would be of a factual nature. He stated, however, that [] talked to him on numerous occasions during February and March 1951 about having personally procured large quantities of slot machines in approximately the Northeastern third of the State of Iowa. [] said that [] remarks in this regard were only so much conversation to him at the time as he had no interest in the subject matter of the conversation, but that he recalls having heard [] on numerous occasions that he personally transported the machines from various points in Iowa where they had been procured to the PASTER Distributing Company Warehouse on University Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also recalled that [] stated that he had used in transporting such machines a 1950 Green panel delivery truck which might also be described as a sedan delivery truck. According to [], this would be a truck licensed to the PASTER Distributing Company in the State of Minnesota.

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[] said that he could not be at all certain of the following information but that he believes that [] mentioned at one time that he had purchased slot machines from [], a night club at Tiffin, Iowa. He also believes that [] obtained some slot machines from an unknown source in Iowa City, Iowa, New Hampton, Iowa, Eldora, Iowa, Iowa Falls, Iowa, and Charles City, Iowa.

[] further advised that in his discussions with [] concerning the illegal nature of this type of activity, [] made a remark that he was not afraid of the authorities in the State of Minnesota but that he was always very cautious about his movements within the State of Iowa, particularly when in possession of slot machines, as he believed that law enforcement agencies in Iowa were going to great lengths to prohibit trafficking in gambling devices. [] also said that he raised the point of possible Federal prosecution should he, [], be found to be transporting slot machines in interstate commerce under the then recently enacted Federal law but that [] laughed about this and made some remark to the effect that did not bother him any.

With reference to other activities of [] in transportation of slot machines from Iowa to Minnesota other than those concerned in the Davenport area, as above mentioned, [] said that it is his best recollection that [] handled the greatest volume of this type of business within a week or so prior to and a week or so subsequent to the time that the "Minnesota law" went into effect in Iowa, the effective date of that statute being known to be February 24, 1951.

At the conclusion of the interview [] stated that the foregoing information constitutes all of the information in his possession regarding his activities, or the activities of any connected with, or employed by, the PASTER interests with relation to the purchase, sale, or transportation of slot machines any time subsequent to January 1, 1951. He added that should any further recollections come to him concerning this general subject that he would be glad to furnish same to reporting agent immediately.

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On October 1, 1951, [] was reinterviewed by the reporting agent and SA [], at which time [] said that the pertinent incidents had come back to him a little more clearly since the time of the above mentioned previous interview.

At that time [] executed the following signed statement:

"Davenport, Iowa
October 1, 1951

"I, [], make the following statement to [] and [], to me previously identified as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have been advised that I may consult a lawyer at any time and know that I am in no way obligated to make this statement. I have received nothing for making this statement and no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used against me in a court of law.

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"I am 28 years of age, reside at [REDACTED], LeClaire, Iowa, and I can read and write.

"For approximately 16 months prior to April, 1951, I was employed as a salesman for the Paster Distributing Company of Saint Paul, Minnesota, having been hired by HERMAN PASTER, personally, whom I had previously known for at least ten years. I believe him to be the head of that company and its various branch offices located at Milwaukee, Des Moines and Omaha.

"The general nature of the business of the company is the purchase, sale and distribution of various types of coin operated equipment.

"My duties included the purchase of used coin operated equipment and the sale thereof, the sale of new coin operated equipment, and the collection of old accounts of the company. I covered most of the state of Iowa and several counties in Western Illinois, although I concentrated my work chiefly in Southeastern Iowa and the western counties of Illinois. The Company also dealt with slot machines.

"Late in February, 1951, the Iowa Legislature passed a law I know of as "The Minnesota Law" which provided very severe penalties for possession and operation of slot machines. About that time I received two or three long distance calls from HERMAN PASTER also a letter urging me to give top priority to lining up slot machines in Iowa which could be purchased at sacrifice prices by the Paster Distributing Company. He pointed out several times that under the newly enacted Iowa law no one would want to remain in possession of slot machines in Iowa and that the Paster Distributing Company should be able to purchase them for a very small fraction of their actual value.

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"Up to this time I had been busily engaged in the purchase and sale of legal and legitimate devices. At the time I raised the point that I would not become involved in any illegal activity and that I would not take any slots into my possession or transport them. HERMAN PASTER told me that that was agreeable and that all he wanted me to do was to get busy and line up some slots which might be available for purchase by his company, and that all he wanted me to do was to make arrangements with various owners of slots so that [REDACTED], and one of the executives of the Paster Distributing Company, could meet with the owners and negotiate for the purchase of the slots. He said that [REDACTED] would assume full charge of buying any available slots and would also make arrangements for their transportation.

"Following PASTER's above instructions I made several contacts with slot machine owners at Davenport, Iowa, per his above directions including Post #26 of the American Legion, Davenport Elks Lodge, [REDACTED] WILLIAM C. KNOOP, and Davenport Navy Club, only for the purpose of ascertaining that they had some slots. I did tell FRANK L. PALMER, the Exalted Ruler of the

"Davenport Elks Lodge that one of my superiors, [REDACTED], would be in Davenport shortly to make arrangements for buying the Elks' machines and that I would let him know when [REDACTED] would be in town.

"After I had learned that there were some machines available in Davenport I called the Paster Distributing Company by long distance phone and talked to [REDACTED]. I told him that there were in my opinion about 60 slot machines available in Davenport and he said that he would be down to deal for them, also for me to stay around until he arrived.

"On the forenoon of March 1, 1951, [REDACTED] arrived in Davenport and the same day he checked into the Blackhawk Hotel. I went to that hotel and had a talk with him there about the local availability of slots. I mentioned to him the above places that I had reason to believe had slots that they would sell.

"While we were at his hotel room he called HERMAN PASTER at the branch office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and told PASTER that he had about 60 machines lined up and PASTER apparently told him to buy all he could.

"Then [REDACTED] called his wife at Minneapolis, Minnesota, to advise her that he was in Davenport.

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"After that he called the Paster Distributing Company at St. Paul, Minnesota, and talked to JOHNSON, one of the company's executives, and told JOHNSON to have a trucker whose services and equipment the company had been previously using, to bring some money and meet him at the hotel at 9:00 P.M. that evening.

"That noon [REDACTED] and I had lunch at the Green Front Cigar Store in Davenport which is operated by [REDACTED] who was at one time the leading slot operator in the Davenport area. [REDACTED] was there at the time and [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he had any slots that he wanted to sell and immediately the two of them went to one side and had a whispered conversation. I don't know what resulted from that conversation.

"After lunch [REDACTED] and I went to American Legion Post #26 located on South Perry Street in Davenport and contacted [REDACTED]. I introduced [REDACTED] to him and he and [REDACTED] had a conversation about [REDACTED] buying the Post's slots, which were 28 in number. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] about the make, age, type, denomination and condition of the machines and it was learned that 7 of the slots were stored on the Post's premises while the remainder were in storage at the Voss Brothers' Transfer Warehouse in Rock

"Island, Illinois. As I recall [] offered [] \$35.00 each for the slots and [] said that he couldn't sell them without the authority of [].

"After this [] and I went to [] office and talked with [] who accepted [] offer for the machines and arrangements were made that [] would pick them up by truck the following morning, also it was understood that each machine was to become [] as soon as it was loaded on the truck and that he was to be responsible for them.

"Later the same afternoon [] and I went to Knoop's Tavern at Second and Ripley Streets in Davenport, where I introduced [] to WILLIAM C. KNOOP, the proprietor. KNOOP said he owned ten slots which he was willing to sell to [] at a price that he and [] agreed upon, and they made arrangements for the delivery of the slots to [] the following morning.

"Later on the same afternoon I called FRANK PALMER at the Davenport Elks Lodge and made arrangements for him and several other officers of the Lodge to meet with [] at the Lodge that evening so that they could negotiate for the sale of the Lodge's slots.

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"Also later that afternoon, I would estimate that it was about 4:00 P.M., [] called the Paster Distributing Company office in St. Paul, Minnesota, to make sure that the truck was on its way to Davenport, and talked to JOHNSON again. JOHNSON had told [] that the trucker whose truck and services the company had previously used had backed out and had refused to make the trip as he did not want to run the risk of transporting slots across a state line. JOHNSON also told [] that the company had rented another truck from a rental agency and that AL GARDNER, one of the companies' employees, was on his way in the truck to Davenport and that GARDNER would contact [] on arrival there. I did not hear any of this conversation but it was described to me by [] later in the afternoon, and during the same conversation [] told me that the only money he had with him was enough for travelling expenses and he was going to have to cash a check for enough to pay for the slots he was buying.

"Early in the evening I went with [] to the Davenport Elks Lodge and introduced him to FRANK PALMER and several other Lodge officers including [], and several others. [] negotiated with them and finally reached an agreement that he would pay them \$50.00 each for the Lodge's 38 slots and that he would have a truck in Davenport the evening of the following Monday and pick up the machines. He was to pay for them at that time.

"I don't recall whether it was before or after we went to the Elks, but the same evening I drove [] in my car to the home of [] proprietor of Hallgren Music Company, Moline, Illinois, where [] cashed a check for something like \$1700.00, or at least it was enough to pay for the Legion and Knoop slots.

"I then went home at about 9:00 or 10:00 P.M. and didn't see or have any further contact with [] until the following morning, when I met him in the lobby of the Blackhawk Hotel per previous arrangement.

"After that [] and I went to Martin's Cigar Store at Third and Brady Streets in Davenport and met [] and I drove them down to the Post building. The truck from St. Paul, Minnesota, was already parked by the Legion building and AL GARDNER was in it. [] told me that GARDNER had arrived in Davenport with the truck late the previous night.

"GARDNER drove the truck around to the loading dock of the building and [] and GARDNER loaded seven slot machines onto the truck assisted by []. After the machines had been loaded into the truck GARDNER got behind the wheel of the truck and [] got in on the other side of the seat and they drove the truck across the Government Bridge into Rock Island, Illinois. It was arranged that I would drive my car and [] his, and that we would meet [] and GARDNER with the truck at Voss Brothers warehouse on Third Avenue in Rock Island, Illinois.

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"I was delayed in getting there and [] GARDNER and [] also the truck, were already there with the truck parked against the dock. Warehouse employees were loading slot machines into the truck when I arrived. I recall that I saw [] paying money to [] but I don't know how much.

"I recall that I heard GARDNER mention that he had a flat tire on the truck somewhere between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Davenport and I recall that he left it at Handelman and Wiesman Tire Company on 3^d Avenue in Rock Island, Illinois, to be repaired.

"After the truck had been loaded with the American Legion machines at the Voss Brothers' warehouse, the truck was driven to Eddie's New Yorker, a night club located on Second Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, and although I didn't see the truck there, I am sure it was parked in the rear.

"On arrival at Eddie's New Yorker, WILLIAM C. KNOOP and a man I know only as [] who owns that night club were already there. I saw several slot machines taken from the basement by GARDNER and [] and taken out the back door. After that I saw [] give KNOOP some money.

"After that I had a brief conversation with [] during the course of which he led me to believe that he was taking the truckload of slot machines to Saint Paul, Minnesota. He said that he would not re-enter Iowa as he feared that Iowa authorities might examine the load, and that he intended to drive up on the Eastern side of the Mississippi River through Illinois and Wisconsin and would later cross from Wisconsin into Minnesota. I got the impression that he and GARDNER were leaving with the truckload of slots immediately.

"Two or three weeks later during a long distance conversation with [] he said he and GARDNER had got the load of machines through to Saint Paul and had arrived there about 10:00 P.M. the same evening.

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"The only other connection I had with this general situation was that I received a telephone call from [] on the same day he had previously set to pick up the Elks machines during the course of which he instructed me to call FRANK PALMER at the Elks Club and tell PALMER that the arrangements which he had previously made with PALMER to purchase and pick up the Elks' slots that same evening was indefinitely off as he was afraid that he was being watched and that he wanted things to cool off for two or three weeks and would contact PALMER later. I so advised PALMER.

"The truck I mentioned as having been loaded with machines was said by [] to be a truck rented from some rental concern in Saint Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota; it had a red cab but its van type body was a light shade of bluish-grey. It was open in back, had a metal tail gate across the bottom of the rear opening with brown canvas curtains covering the rear opening.

"Somewhere on the cab or body was some lettering and a picture of an aeroplane on it. I seem to recall that the words 'Capitol' or 'Capital' Freight or Capitol Air Freight were painted on the truck. I am fairly sure the truck was a Dodge and of fairly recent make.

"GARDNER is known to me to be an employee, probably a shipping clerk, for Paster Distributing Company.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this & twelve other pages & is true to the best of my knowledge. /s/ []"

"In the presence of:

/s/ [] , Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Iowa, 10/1/51
/s/ [] Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Iowa 10/1/51"

It is noted that [] present occupation as a [] requires his almost constant absence from his home while traveling the entire State of Iowa, Missouri and parts of Kansas and Nebraska. It is anticipated that he will be periodically recontacted for further qualification of details and possible additional further information of a pertinent nature in the near future.

On September 28, 1951 [] a retired businessman who has [] Post #26, was interviewed by the reporting agent and SA [] at which time [] executed the following signed statement:

"Davenport, Iowa
September 28, 1951

"I, [] make the following statement of my free will to [] and [] to me previously identified as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"I have been advised that I may consult a lawyer at any time and know that I am in no way obligated to make this statement. I have received nothing for making this statement and no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used against me in a court of law.

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"I am 57 years of age, reside at [] Davenport, Iowa, and I can read and write.

"I have been an active member of American Legion Post #26, Davenport, Iowa, for thirty years and at all times pertinent to the matters mentioned in this statement I was []

"On March 26, 1951, I made a written statement consisting of several pages to [] and [] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Davenport, Iowa, concerning the same general matters as will be mentioned in this statement, but I hereby revoke and repudiate that statement in favor of this statement inasmuch as the previous statement was partially in error and somewhat incomplete.

"During October, 1949, ROBERT LARSON, Attorney General of the State of Iowa issued a proclamation generally to the effect that as of a specified date, which I believe was October 30, 1949, he would crack down on all gambling in Iowa and that private clubs would no longer be immune from prosecution in this connection because of their status as private clubs, if, after that date, they should be found to possess or operate gambling devices, including slot machines.

"At that time, and for several years previous Post #26 had owned and operated numerous slot machines at its clubrooms, and was then in possession of 28 such machines. To the best of my recollection these slot machines were all manufactured by the Mills Novelty Company of Chicago, Illinois; and were about equally divided as to denominations as being nickel, dime, and quarter machines, and it is my recollection that all 28 of the machines were purchased by Post #26 from Gardner Music Company, Rock Island, Illinois.

"I have caused a search to be made of the old files and records of Post #26 for records relating to the purchase of each of these machines, but have been able to locate such records in connection with four of the 28 machines.

"Bill or invoice of Gardner Music Company dated July 1, 1949, reflects the purchase of one 25¢ Mills Black Beauty (over and under) slot machine, Serial #568221, on June 14, 1949.

"Bill or invoice of Gardner Music Company dated August 5, 1949, reflects the purchase of one 25¢ Mills Black Beauty (over and under) slot machine, Serial #571802, on July 30, 1949.

"Bill or invoice of Gardner Music Company dated October 1, 1949, reflects the purchase of one Mills Black Beauty 5¢ slot machine, over and under, Serial #574227, on September 9, 1949.

"Bill or invoice of the Gardner Music Company dated November 1, 1949, reflects the purchase of one 5¢ Mills Black Beauty slot machine, over and under, Serial #574776.

"I am positive that the above described four machines were included in the sale of the 28 machines on March 2, 1951, which is hereinafter described, and it is probably that the remaining 24 machines could be identified from the sales records of Gardner Music Company as they were probably the 24 machines most recently purchased by Post #26 from that company, excepting the four above described machines, which, it is my belief, constituted the last four machine purchases made by Post #26.

On the afternoon of March 1, 1951, I was at the Post clubrooms and received a telephone call from an unidentified man who inquired if I was going to be there for a while. I said I was and whoever it was who called said he would be down to see me in about a half hour.

"In about that length of time a man whom I knew to be [redacted] of LeClaire, Iowa, and another man whom he introduced to me as [redacted] called on me at the Post and asked me if the Post owned any slot machines that it desired

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"to sell. I told him that the Post owned 28 slot machines which were all Mills brand, and that seven of them were stored on the premises of the Post, the remaining 21 being in storage at Voss Brothers' Express and Storage Company in Rock Island, Illinois. I told him that the Post might be willing to sell the machines and that I would have to contact the [redacted] [redacted] to get authority to sell them on behalf of the Post.

"Following this conversation [redacted] and [redacted] went with me to the place on the second floor of the Post Building in Davenport, Iowa, where the machines were stored and [redacted] inspected the slot machines which were there. [redacted] then offered me \$35.00 apiece for the 28 slot machines.

"Then [redacted] and I went to the [redacted] at which time [redacted] introduced [redacted] to [redacted]. After this the four of us had a brief conference during which [redacted] repeated to [redacted] the offer to purchase the 28 slot machines which he had previously made to me as above described. [redacted] agreed to sell the machines on those terms.

"After that [redacted] and I went directly to the Voss Brothers' Express and Storage Company Warehouse, 2125 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, in [redacted] car and on arrival there [redacted] inspected the 21 machines which were stored there and said that they were acceptable and that he would pay \$35.00 each for all 28 of the machines, in cash. After that [redacted] took me in his car back to the Post building at Davenport, Iowa, and let me out, at which time [redacted] told me he would be in touch with me further later on that evening.

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"That same evening [redacted] called me by phone at the Post and told me that he had made arrangements to have a truck here the following morning and would meet me the next morning at Martin's Cigar Store, Third and Brady Streets, Davenport, Iowa, at 8:30 A.M., following which we would consummate the sale of the machines.

"I met [redacted] and [redacted] per that arrangement the next morning and after having a cup of coffee at Martin's we went to the Post Building, 200 Perry Street, Davenport, Iowa, where [redacted] truck was waiting. [redacted] and the man who was driving the truck, and who was a total stranger to me loaded the seven slot machines which had been stored in the Post Building into the truck and threw a blanket over them. It was previously understood that the machines were [redacted] property as soon as they were loaded into the truck and that he would be completely responsible for them thereafter.

"After the seven machines had been loaded into the truck, I drove my car to the Voss Brothers' warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois, where the other 21 machines were stored.

"[] drove his car to that place but I believe that [] rode from Davenport to Rock Island in the truck above mentioned, with the driver.

"[] and I met at the Voss Brothers Warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois, and I, [] released the 21 machines stored there from storage. [] and the driver of the truck loaded the 21 machines into the truck, following which he paid me \$980.00 in cash for the 28 machines.

"Sometime during the above negotiations [] told me that he had purchased another quantity of slot machines and that they were stored somewhere in Rock Island, Illinois, at a point which he did not disclose. He also made statements to me which led me to believe that the truck, when loaded with machines, would leave Rock Island, Illinois, for an undisclosed destination immediately.

"I believed at that time that as a representative of the Post, I was selling the machines to [] personally, and I was of the opinion that [] was merely acting in a friendly capacity to introduce [] to local people inasmuch as [] is well known locally and [] appeared to be a stranger in the community.

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"I describe [] as being white, in his early thirties, medium height, stocky build, well dressed, and with a round face.

"The truck driver I mentioned above I noticed somewhat casually. I would describe him as white, middle aged, rather short in stature, average build, and wearing a laborer's clothing which I am unable to describe.

"I am unable to give a detailed description of the truck above mentioned except that it was a red or Chinese red in color, similar in body type to a small moving van. I was then of the opinion that the truck was from somewhere considerably far removed from Davenport and that SAM had made arrangements which resulted in its being available to receive the above slot machines.

"I desire to make it clear that at no time during the negotiations above described did I assist in loading, handling or transporting any of the above mentioned slot machines, and that it was specifically understood between me and SAM that the machines were his property and entirely his responsibility the instant that each one was placed on board the truck.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and nine other pages each of which I initialed & its contents are true."

"In the presence of:

/s/ [], Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Iowa, 9/28/51.

/s/ [] r. Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Ia., 9/28/51." o

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After the execution of the foregoing signed statement [] explained that his reason for having failed to disclose the facts relating to the maintenance of the 7 machines in storage at the Post building in Davenport at the time of making his previous statement was for the reason that he was afraid that such revelations might involve himself and the Post in a violation of the Iowa law. He said that the above quoted statement is the complete truth concerning his entire connection with relation to the sale of the slot machines of the Post and that he would be willing to testify to any of the matters related to instant statement.

Oral information supplied by [] in addition to that contained in the above quoted signed statement was to the effect that he was positive that the seven machines loaded into the truck at the Post, as mentioned therein, were still in the truck when the truck reached the Voss Brothers Warehouse in Rock Island, Illinois, a few minutes thereafter, as he not only saw the seven machines in the truck as soon as the truck arrived at the Voss Brothers Warehouse, but that at the conclusion of the loading of the 21 additional machines into the truck from the Voss Brothers Warehouse, the load of machines was counted by [] in his presence immediately prior to the time [] paid for the machines, and that there were 28 machines in number, payment being made on that basis.

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A photograph of [] taken in 1939 was exhibited to [] on September 22, 1951, but he stated that he was unable to identify that photograph as being one of the same person introduced to him by [] as [] and to whom [] sold the Post's slot machines. [] commented that [] was a considerably older man and he suggested that a more recent photograph be procured for his inspection. A photograph of ALBERT GARDNER, FBI #283270, taken in 1936 was also shown to [] and at the same time [] was furnished with the physical description of that individual. [] said that he would not want to state that he could positively identify the person depicted in the photograph as being the same individual who drove and operated the truck at the time of the same and delivery of the above slot machines but that he felt quite sure that the photograph of ALBERT GARDNER was one of the same person. He suggested, however, that a more recent photograph of GARDNER be procured and exhibited to him at a later date in order that he could be certain of his tentative identification.

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[] Iowa, a practicing
[] Davenport, Iowa, who
served as [] of American Legion Post #26 from August 1950 to
August 1951, interviewed on October 1, 1951, by the reporting agent and
Special Agent [], at that time executed a signed statement
which reads as follows:

"Davenport, Iowa
October 1, 1951

"I, [redacted], make the following statement of my free will to [redacted] and [redacted] both previously identified to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a [redacted] Davenport, Iowa. I know that I am in no way obligated to make this statement and have received nothing for doing so. No threats or promises have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I am 33 years of age & reside at [redacted] Iowa.

"During August, 1950 I was [redacted] of Post #26, The American Legion Davenport, Iowa, and served continuously in that capacity for one year.

"At the time [redacted] I knew Post 26 owned a number of slot machines, none of which had been in operation since the effective date of the crackdown order concerning gambling by ROBERT LARSON, Attorney General of Iowa, during October, 1949. I had this knowledge as an active member of the Post, and one of its officers although at no time did I exercise any personal control over any of the machines.

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"After taking office as Commander I learned that a majority of the machines were in storage in Rock Island, Ill. and later was informed they were at Voss Bros. Company Warehouse in Rock Island, Ill. I also understood that a few of the machines were in storage on the premises of Post 26 in Davenport, Ia. I had no information as to the number of machines at Voss Bros. altho I believed that a majority of the Post's machines were there.

"On or about March 1, 1951, [redacted] of Post 26, brought two men to my office. One of them was [redacted] also known as [redacted] of LeClaire, Iowa. The other man was a total stranger to me and his name was mentioned when he was introduced but I do not recall it at this time & I recall only that he was of medium height, middle age and well dressed. The relationship between [redacted] & the stranger was never mentioned but I gathered the impression they were associated in some manner and the stranger could have been [redacted] employer in whatever concern [redacted] was at that time employed. [redacted] is fairly well known in this locality and I had always associated him in my mind as a local dealer and operator in various coin operated devices.

"One of the parties inquired if I had any objection to the sale of the Post 26 slot machines. Shortly prior the Iowa Legislature had passed the so-called 'Minnesota Law' which made mere possession of slot machines illegal, and to avoid the Posts involvement in a violation of the law, I had no objection to disposing of them and so informed [redacted] and his

"associate. Altho the details of the incident are necessarily somewhat vague at this time, I believe I added the qualification that the Post would not object to the sale provided no violation of the law was intended in connection with the sale. Apparently [] and his associate informed me that no violation of the law was intended as all three persons left my office shortly thereafter. The entire interview was exceedingly brief.

"The meeting above described was my only contact with the entire matter. I had not caused the meeting or authorized any other person to cause it. Several weeks later while reviewing the Post 26 financial statement I noticed an item of income which on inquiry I learned was the proceeds of the sale of the machines.

"The above meeting seemed entirely regular, that is, there was nothing in Mr. [] or his associates manner or approach which would indicate any irregularity. There was nothing at the time of the meeting, and in fact I have no proof of facts even at this time, which would indicate to me either that the Posts sale of the machines would result or has resulted in any violation of any law.

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"The duties of [] of Post 26, the largest Post in Iowa, plus the additional responsibilities in connection with the operation of our new Post quarters, opened in December, 1950, were extremely heavy and at the time of the above described meeting there were many matters in connection with the program of the Post which were utilizing nearly all my time. As a result it is physically impossible for any person, even the [], or any other volunteer person, who is donating all his free time and much of his business time in furthering & carrying out the varied program of the American Legion, to know all things about matters concerning the Post."

"/s/ [] "

"In the presence of:

/s/ [] Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Iowa, 10/1/51

/s/ [] Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Ia. 10/1/51"

On September 27, 1951 the reporting agent and Special Agent [] assisted by [] and various and numerous office personnel of American Legion Post 26, reviewed all of the available old records, books of account and inventories of said Post in an effort to find descriptive data concerning the 28 slot machines sold to [] as above mentioned.

It was observed that the official annual inventories of the assets of the Post merely lumped the slot machine equipment on hand at each time under one estimated sum and that there was no breakdown whatsoever in connection with descriptive details of the equipment. It was also observed that records from prior to 1949 are scanty and incomplete. [] explained

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that when the Post moved into its new building early in 1951, that the move was made in one night with the assistance of large numbers of volunteer helpers who were Post members and that many of the old books and records of the Post were lost, misplaced or perhaps inadvertently destroyed.

[redacted] made available all paid invoices of the Post for as far back as same were available for four invoices from the Gardner Music Company, 1103 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, were found which reflected sales of slot machines to the Post. These invoices are as follows:

One invoice dated July 1, 1949 reflects sale, as of 6/14/49 of one 25¢ Mills Black Beauty, over and under, Serial #568221. ✓

One invoice dated August 5, 1949 reflects the sale on 7/30/49 of one 25¢ Mills Black Beauty, over and under, Serial #571802. ✓

One invoice dated October 1, 1949 reflects the sale on 9/9/49 of one 5¢ Mills Black Beauty, over and under, Serial #574227. ✓

One invoice dated November 1, 1949 reflects the sale on 10/18/49 of one 5¢ Mills Black Beauty, over and under, Serial #574776. ✓

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It is noted that each of the four invoices bear pen and ink autographic inscriptions "OK - [redacted] identified these inscriptions as having been made in his handwriting and said that the initials were autographically affixed to the invoices by him after inspection of the machines as a means of putting the invoices in line for payment. [redacted] states, however, that he does not recall having checked the serial numbers on any of the incoming machines at the time of delivery.

It is also noted that attached to each invoice is a carbon copy of the check drawn to the Gardner Music Company in payment of each invoice, original copies of which checks could presumably be produced if necessary in the future.

It is noted that the inventories of the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, filed with the office of the Attorney General of the United States for the months of June, July and August 1951, reflect as on hand and in stock one Mills Blue Bell, 5¢ machine, Serial #574227, also one Mills Blue Bell, 25¢ machine, Serial #568221. It is believed that these machines could be identical with the machines mentioned in the invoices under date of July 1 and October 1, 1949, set forth above.

With reference to the showing of the records of said Post with relation to the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of the machine, [redacted] presented for inspection the daily cash book of the Post. One sheet is made for each business day and inserted into the book which is in loose-leaf form. The daily cash report for March 12, 1951 carried the following item "deposited \$980. Davenport REG ACCT." [redacted] advised that although he had turned the money into the Post the same day it was received March 2, 1951 that it was apparently without entry until March 12, 1951 inasmuch as it was not known to the office personnel as to the manner in which the receipt of the funds should be reflected. He recalled that someone in the office contacted him, presumably on or about March 12, 1951, and asked his instructions in the matter.

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The four above mentioned invoices together with the carbon copies of check covering each have been marked for identification and are being retained in the files of the Omaha Office as exhibits, to be subsequently returned to Post #26. [redacted] advised that at any time it may be desired that the daily cash report for March 12, 1951 would be produced by him upon request.

WILLIAM C. KNOOP, 2727 East Locust Street, who operates KNOOP's tavern at 329 West Second Street, upon interview on September 28, 1951 by the reporting agent and SA [redacted] executed the following signed statement:

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"Davenport, Iowa
September 28, 1951

"I, WILLIAM C. KNOOP, make the following statement of my free will to [redacted] and [redacted] to me previously identified as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have been advised that I may consult a lawyer at any time and know that I am in no way obligated to make this statement. I have received nothing for making this statement and no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I am 61 years of age, reside at 2727 East Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa, and I can read and write.

"At the time the Iowa Legislature enacted the 'Minnesota Law' dealing with slot machines in February, 1951, I owned ten Mills Black Beauty slot machines, three of which were nickel machines, three of which were dime machines, and four of which were quarter machines. In order to comply with the Iowa laws the machines were stored in the basement of Eddie's New Yorker, a night club at Rock Island, Illinois.

"On or about March 1, 1951, a man I then knew to be [redacted] of LeClaire, Iowa, came to my place of business with another man whose name I don't recall although [redacted] introduced him to me at the time. This man was a stranger to me. This stranger asked me if I owned any slot machines that I wanted to sell. I said that I did and told him about the above mentioned machines. He said he was interested in buying them and after hearing my description of them offered to pay me \$75.00 for each machine, in cash. I told him to call me back later that evening which he did.

"He called me in the evening of the same date and we made arrangements to meet the next morning at Eddie's New Yorker in Rock Island, Illinois, at which time he said he would have a truck there to pick up the machines and would pay me for them at that time.

"The next morning [redacted] and the above mentioned stranger drove up in front of Eddie's New Yorker where I was waiting with [redacted] who is the owner of Eddie's New Yorker.

"They had a truck at the back door of Eddie's New Yorker and [redacted] the stranger and the man who was driving the truck brought the machines up from the place in the basement where they had been stored and loaded them into the truck.

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"After they were all loaded the stranger paid me \$750.00 in cash for them. He had advised me previously that he was taking the machines to Minnesota.

"I got the impression that [redacted] was merely acting as a friend to put the stranger in touch with different club managers in Davenport who might want to sell slot machines as I knew that the stranger was not acquainted in the Davenport area.

"Above I mentioned that I was the owner of the 10 machines, but actually I had only a 50% interest in them, the other 50% interest being owned by [redacted] of Davenport, Iowa, who had previously authorized me to dispose of the machines as soon as we could.

"I have read the above statement and it is true."

"/s/ W. C. KNOOP"

"In the presence of:

/s/ [redacted] Sp. Agent, F. B. I., Davenport, Iowa, 9/28/51
/s/ [redacted] Sp. Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Iowa 9/28/51"

During the same interview KNOOP advised that the Scott County Voiture of Forty & Eight previously occupied the premises of the Knoop Tavern and that he acted as the steward of the Forty & Eight Club. KNOOP said that he always had a financial interest in the operation of the Forty & Eight Club and that

a silent partner in the matter was [REDACTED]. KNOOP said that the reason why he can not be sure that the machines were shipped to him under his name or that of Knoop's Tavern was that they might have been issued to the Forty & Eight Club as the machines were placed in the clubroom and were actually used by the members of the Forty & Eight. He explained that he and [REDACTED] were to have owned a one-half interest in the machines and the Forty & Eight Club the remaining one-half interest, but that the Forty & Eight Club folded due to lack of financial support, following the crackdown on gambling in Iowa by Attorney General ROBERT LARSON in October 1949 and he and [REDACTED] were compelled to take over the full interests of the Forty & Eight Club therein in order to protect other investments. He said that [REDACTED] has remained in the background throughout and left it entirely to him, KNOOP, to handle all matters relating to the purchase, operation and disposition of the slot machines and that [REDACTED] previous to the time that KNOOP was contacted by NILVA on or about March 1, 1951, had already given KNOOP authority to make the best possible disposition of the machines apparently recognizing that their continued ownership and possession was a liability.

KNOOP said that prior to the sale of the machines to [REDACTED], the machines had been stored in the basement of Eddie's New Yorker tavern in Rock Island, Illinois under an agreement between KNOOP and [REDACTED], the owner and proprietor of Eddie's New Yorker, whereby [REDACTED] would receive 50% of whatever amount the machines finally sold for, the remaining 50% to be fully divided between KNOOP and [REDACTED].

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KNOOP said that under this arrangement he paid [REDACTED] \$375.00 in cash on the morning of March 2, 1951, this amount representing the 50% of the sale price of the machines paid by [REDACTED].

KNOOP said that it would do no good to interview [REDACTED] for the reason that [REDACTED] never had any connection with the sale of the machines and knew nothing about the details of the disposition thereof until after the machines had been sold and the proceeds of the sale accounted for by KNOOP.

It is noted that [REDACTED] is locally regarded as a well-to-do and substantial businessman who enjoys a highly favorable reputation.

It is noted that on questioning KNOOP it was developed that he caused the machines to be transported from his place of business to Eddie's New Yorker in Rock Island, Illinois on the evening of February 24, 1951, in order to get them out of his possession in Iowa, prior to the taking of effect of the "Minnesota Law" at midnight the same night.

During a preliminary discussion of this matter with Assistant United States Attorney, CLOID I. LEVEL, on September 28, 1951, Mr. LEVEL advised that he would reserve consideration of possible prosecution of KNOOP in connection with this transportation until the conclusion of instant case. It was noted that KNOOP appeared to be cooperative during the interview and stated that he would be willing to act as a Government witness in a subsequent trial.

Also during the interview KNOOP was questioned concerning his possession of records in the form of invoices or other documents which would reflect the descriptions of the ten machines sold to [redacted], including serial numbers, and from which documents his title thereto could be established. KNOOP said that he is certain that he has such papers somewhere in his possession and will make every effort to locate same. Subsequently recontacted on several occasions, the last occasion being on October 23, 1951, KNOOP stated that he has been unable to find the above documents but that he is still of the opinion that they are somewhere in his possession and that he will continue to search for same.

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and who resides at [redacted], was interviewed on September 27, 1951 by the reporting agent in the presence of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted].

At that time [redacted] conceded that one time he operated a large number of slot machines in Scott County and he also admitted that he still owns a considerable number of machines, the exact number of which he declined to mention, but which are stored in Iowa. [redacted] said that he long since gave up any hope of being able to operate his machines within the State of Iowa both because of the militant attitude against gambling by the Iowa Attorney General and also because of the enactment of the "Minnesota Law" in Iowa during February 1951. [redacted] said that about the latter time he decided to dispose of his machines if he could obtain a reasonable offer for same. He went on to state that he has known [redacted] for a number of years and has known him to be connected with the Mayflower Distributing Company and the Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. He mentioned that over a period of time [redacted] has made it a practice of eating at his [redacted] on such occasions as he might be in Davenport. [redacted] said that he also knows [redacted] and knew that at one time he was employed in some connection by the Paster interests, above mentioned.

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[redacted] further stated that he recalled seeing an article concerning the efforts of out-of-town buyers to purchase slot machines in Davenport in the Davenport Daily Times shortly after the effective date of the "Minnesota Law". He recalled of having read the article with interest and further

recalled that on the day previous to the publication of the issue in which the article appeared that [] and [] had come to his [] at which time [] had approached him, [], and asked him if he had any slot machines which he would sell. [] stated that he advised [] that he had some machines and that they discussed the possible purchase and sale thereof in a preliminary way at the time. No specific arrangements for the sale of these machines to [] were made and [] left the matter open by stating that he would recontact [] in the near future, presumably to make some sort of an offer. [] denied that he has been subsequently approached by [] or any other representative of the PASTER interests and denied having sold any of the machines in his possession at that time on any subsequent occasion.

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Subsequent to this interview a review was made of the files of the Davenport Daily Times and an article under the headline "SET MEETING ON GAMBLING LAW" was found on page 1-B, Friday March 2nd issue of that paper which read as follows:

"WILL DECIDE PROGRAM FOR INSPECTIONS"

"Filseth Arranges Conference for Next Wednesday.

"Scott county and Davenport officials today moved to carry out a request from Atty. Gen. Robert A. Larson to enforce the new anti-gambling law.

"Officials of Iowa's cities, towns and counties have received a letter from Larson advising them of their duties and responsibilities under the law.

"Scott County Attorney Clark O. Filseth announced that he has arranged a meeting for next Wednesday with Sheriff Pete Wildman and Police Chief Les Jurgens to outline the program to be followed.

"Mayor A. R. Kroppach said his copy of Larson's letter will be referred to the police and license committee of the city council for study as the law calls for revocation for one year of the business licenses of any establishment where gambling devices are found.

"Law enforcement officials were advised by the attorney general to 'observe and inspect licensed premises and ascertain whether gambling devices are present.'

"In a joint statement, Filseth and Wildman announced they had received numerous anonymous complaints regarding sales of lottery tickets, and that they had investigated the places where the alleged sales were reported. However, the officials said they were unable to obtain search warrants because the evidence was not sufficient.

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"Local officials also said that they would cooperate with federal authorities in reporting any violations of the federal statutes in connection with interstate transportation of gambling devices.

"Meanwhile, it was reported today that 'several St. Paul men' were in Davenport Thursday night attempting to purchase any slot machines that were available. The Iowa law is patterned after the Minnesota statute."

A copy of the issue of the Davenport Daily Times for Friday, March 2, was procured from the Circulation Office of said newspaper and same is being retained in instant case file as an exhibit.

On October 1, 1951, the above paper and article were exhibited to [] and he identified same as being the article to which he had referred in the previous interview and said further that he was now willing to state specifically that it was on March 1, 1951 that he was approached at his place of business by [] concerning the purchase of slot machines, as above set forth.

On October 9, 1951, [] executed the following signed statement at the offices of his attorney []:

"Davenport, Iowa
October 9, 1951

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"I, [], make the following statement of my own free will to [] [], to me previously identified as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have been advised that I may consult a lawyer at any time and know that I am in no way obligated to make this statement. I have received nothing for making this statement, and no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I reside at [] Davenport, Iowa, and I can read and write.

"I am [] Davenport, Iowa, and have been so engaged throughout the year 1951.

"For several years I have been personally acquainted with [] who is known to me as a representative of Paster Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota.

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"Just previous to making this statement I examined a copy of the Davenport Daily Times issued and dated on March 2, 1951, and on page 1-B of that issue I noted an article bearing the headline 'Set Meeting on Gambling Law.'

"I recall that I read that article on the date the above issue was circulated, which apparently was on March 2, 1951, judging from the date of the paper.

"I also recall that on the day preceding that which would have been March 1, 1951, [redacted], above mentioned, came to my place of business and we had a conversation. He said that he was interested in buying slot machines and questioned me about the local availability of slot machines for purchase. Our conversation was brief and he said that he would see me in the near future. To the best of my recollection I have not seen him since.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and have initialed all corrections and the first page and will sign this page. This statement is true and correct."

"/s/ [redacted]"

"Witnessed:

/s/ [redacted], Special Agent, F.B.I. 10/9/51.

/s/ [redacted], Special Agent, F.B.I. 10-9-51"

The interview at which the above signed statement was procured was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. At that time [redacted] requested that his client, [redacted], be protected by the issuance of a subpoena in the event that his testimony should subsequently be desired in connection with this case.

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FRANK L. PALMER, residing at 1439 West 4th Street, and the proprietor of the Palmer House Tavern, 309 Harrison Street, was originally interviewed by reporting agent on March 27, 1951, at which time Mr. PALMER furnished the following information orally: At that time Mr. PALMER was the Exalted Ruler of the Davenport Elks Lodge, having served in that official capacity since the first week in April 1950. PALMER said that on March 2 and 3, 1951, officials of the Davenport Elks Club, including himself, had negotiated with one [redacted] concerning the sale to [redacted] of 38 slot machines owned by that club at \$50. each. [redacted] had been introduced to the club officials by [redacted] of LeClaire, Iowa, who is a member of the club. At that time PALMER said the machines had been in storage for approximately 18 month in a vault in the basement of a building located immediately West of the Elks Club building which building is owned by the Elks Club. At that time PALMER said that it was his recollection that some official of the club and [redacted] had examined the machines on March 2, 1951, at which time [redacted] agreed to purchase the machines during the evening hours of March 5, 1951. The understanding was reached that payment was to be made immediately prior to the movement of the machines from the vault in which they were stored in order that [redacted] would assert ownership thereof if the movement thereof was detected, this for the protection of the club and its officials. PALMER further stated on that occasion that [redacted] called a club officer at approximately 3:00 P.M. on March 5, 1951,

and told him that [redacted], who was then in St. Paul, Minnesota, had become apprehensive concerning the proposed movement of the machines and that no attempt would be made to obtain them for at least three weeks. As of the day of that interview, March 27, 1951 PALMER said that no further contact had been had with [redacted] concerning the proposed sale. PALMER agreed to immediately and confidentially notify the reporting agent should [redacted] exhibit any further interest in the machines, particularly if [redacted] should purchase the machines and remove them from their then present storage place. At PALMER's suggestion, [redacted], the [redacted], who was to take office approximately a week later, was contacted by the reporting agent and [redacted] assured of his full cooperation along the same lines.

[redacted] and FRANK L. PALMER were subsequently contacted on numerous occasions during the period covered by this report without pertinent results except that when interviewed on June 8, 1951, [redacted] advised that on June 1, 1951, [redacted] had made a casual inquiry apparently designed to ascertain whether or not the 38 machines previously owned by the club were still in its possession.

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It was noted during the course of the original interviews with both PALMER and [redacted] that while they appeared to indicate an attitude of cooperation, that they expressed themselves in such manner as would reflect that they were exceedingly reluctant to take any action which might in any way involve either them personally, or the Elks Lodge, in any unfavorable publicity.

On September 29, 1951, FRANK L. PALMER was re-interviewed by the reporting agent and Special Agent [redacted].

During that interview Mr. PALMER voluntarily executed the following signed statement:

"Davenport, Iowa
September 29, 1951

"I, FRANK L. PALMER, make the following statement of my own free will to [redacted] and [redacted], to me previously identified as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have been advised that I may consult a lawyer at any time and know that I am in no way obligated to make this statement. I have received nothing for making this statement and no threats or promises of any kind have been made to me. I know that this statement could be used in a court of law.

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"I am 53 years of age, reside at 1439 West Fourth Street, Davenport, Iowa, and I can read and write.

"I was Exalted Ruler of Davenport Lodge Number 298, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks from early April, 1950 to early April, 1951.

"At the time of Governor ROBERT LARSON's crackdown on the use of slot machines in private clubs during October, 1949, the above lodge owned and had been operating 38 slot machines which were placed in storage on November 1, 1949 in order to comply with the Iowa law. About 18 of the machines were nickel slots, and about 10 of each were quarter and dime slots.

"These machines were still the property of the lodge during the first week of March, 1951.

"During the last week in February, 1951, [redacted] of LeClaire, Iowa, who is a member of the lodge, contacted me and said that the company for which he was then working was interested in buying slot machines and inquired if the lodge still owned the above machines. I told [redacted] that the lodge still owned the machines and might be willing to sell them but that authority to sell them would have to be obtained from the Chair Officers and Trustees of the Lodge. [redacted] then made arrangements with me for a meeting of such officers and a representative of his company from St. Paul, Minnesota, at such time as this representative should be in Davenport in order that a sale of the slots to that company might be arranged. He said that the man from Saint Paul would be in Davenport shortly and that he would get in touch with me about the meeting.

"During the day on March 1, 1951, [redacted] called me and said that the representative of his company from Saint Paul would be in Davenport that day and we made arrangements for him to meet with myself and the other proper officers of the Lodge the same evening.

"On the evening of the same day [redacted] brought a man to the Lodge's Club-rooms who was a stranger to me but who was introduced to me and the other officers of the Lodge by name as being the representative of his company from Saint Paul, Minnesota. I do not now recall that man's name.

"The other officers present were [redacted]
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"[redacted] then gave a short talk in the course of which he said that his company was interested in buying up any available slot machines and that the representative of his company whom he had just introduced would proceed to enter into negotiation with the various Lodge officers present for the purchase of the Lodge's slot machines.

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"The representative of [] company then proceeded to question the Lodge officers as to the number of slots owned by the lodge, also as to the make, type, denominations, age and condition of the machines, and he was advised that there were 38 machines in all and also furnished the answers to his other questions by the various Lodge officers present.

"Following that the representative of [] company haggled briefly about the price of the machines and it was finally agreed that he would pay \$1900.00 for the 38 machines.

"He said that he would come with a truck to the place where the slots were in storage just after dark the following Monday, March 5, 1951, and would load the machines into the truck. He agreed to pay the \$1,900.00 in cash for the machines as soon as they were loaded into his truck and said he would accept full responsibility for the possession of the machines as soon as they were loaded into the truck.

"I do not recall this man's exact statements as to the destination of the slots but from what he said at the time I was of the opinion that he was going to transport them to Minnesota for use there.

"On the afternoon of March 5, 1951, [] called me and said that the deal for the slots was off temporarily because of publicity about the matter in a Davenport paper.

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"No subsequent interest in the slots has been evidenced by [] or the above mentioned representative of his company to the best of my knowledge.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and 4 other pages and to the best of my knowledge it is all true."

"/s/ FRANK L. PALMER"

"In the presence of:

/s/ [] Special Agent, F.B.I., Davenport, Iowa,
/s/ [] Sp. Agent, F.B.I. Davenport, Ia."

After the execution of the foregoing signed statement, Mr. PALMER advised that the 38 slot machines previously owned by the Davenport Elks Club are still the property of that club and are still stored in the same place as on the occasion of the previous interview on March 27, 1951. PALMER said that he knows of no attempts on the part of [] or any other representative of the PASTER interests to purchase the machines subsequent to about March 1, 1951. Mr. PALMER made no record of the date on which [] met with the various officers of the Lodge as mentioned in his statement, but PALMER recalls having read the above quoted article in the Davenport Daily Times, the issue of Friday, March 2, 1951, and states that it is his recollection that the meeting with [] was on the day previous,

which would have been March 1, 1951.

PALMER advised that there was no entry of any kind in the records of the Lodge which would reflect the date of the meeting or any of the details in connection therewith.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [] and []:

[] Davenport, Iowa, [] in Davenport, Iowa, advised that he could recall of having attended only one meeting at the Elks Lodge which meeting was concerned with the disposition of that Lodge's slot machines. As he recalled the meeting had taken place one evening a day or so before the appearance in the local Daily Times newspaper of an article pertaining to slot machines. It is to be noted that the article referred to appeared in the Davenport Daily Times newspaper on Friday, March 2, 1951 and that [] identified that article as the article that he had had reference to.

[] recalled that two men, names not recalled, one of whom was reportedly from Minneapolis, Minnesota, had by pre-arrangement appeared at the meeting and that the man who was said to be from Minneapolis, Minnesota, had stated that he was interested in the purchase of slot machines and had inquired as to the make, model, and number of machines that the Lodge had for sale. This man indicated that possession of the machines by the Lodge was a violation of State law and that consequently the machines were of very little value to the Lodge. [] was unable to recall the price per machine involved but he stated that an agreement had been reached whereunder the man from Minneapolis was to furnish the transportation for the machines and was to be completely responsible for moving the machines from their place of storage at that time. Title to the machines as [] recalled was to pass immediately when the machines were loaded on the truck furnished by the Minneapolis man, at which time payment for the machines was to be paid to the Lodge representative. [] recalled that the reason the transaction had not been consummated that same evening was that transportation was not available to the man who was purchasing the machines and that the latter was supposed to notify the Lodge in a day or so as to when transportation would be available. [] stated that after the appearance of the above mentioned newspaper article in the local Davenport paper, to the best of his knowledge, no subsequent contact was made with Lodge officials by the unknown man from Minneapolis. [] stated that he believed he would be able to identify the unknown person from Minneapolis should he see him again in person or have an opportunity to observe a photograph of same.

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[] recalled also that this unknown party had remarked after the meeting that he had been picking up slot machines from all over the Davenport, Iowa area and some of them had been hidden under haystacks, some in old barns and others in other places of concealment. [] was unable to furnish any other information of value in this investigation.

It is to be noted that [] mentioned above, was one of the so-called Chair Officers of the Elks Lodge at the time that the meeting concerning the slot machines took place.

[] Davenport, Iowa, recalled that a meeting was held at the Elks Lodge in Davenport, Iowa, the evening previous to or second evening previous to the date that an article appeared in the Daily Times newspaper, Davenport, Iowa, relating to slot machines.

[] stated this meeting was concerned with the disposition of the slot machines owned and held by the Elks Lodge at that time; that it was attended by the so-called Chair Officers and member of the Board of Trustees of the Elks Lodge in Davenport. He stated that he had learned that one, [] had contacted the then Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, FRANK PALMER, and had arranged for a meeting to be held at the Elks Lodge in which a person who was interested in the purchase of slot machines would be present. [] advised that PALMER had contacted the Chair Officers and members of the Board of Trustees and that the meeting had been called for approximately 8:30 P.M. on the above described date.

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At the meeting [] who is known to [] introduced a man, name not recalled, but who stated that he was from St. Paul, Minnesota and that he was interested in the purchase of slot machines that the Elks Lodge was known to have. He informed that this unknown person was interested in the number and type and makes of the various slot machines and that after some discussion an agreement was reached between the Elks Lodge representatives and this unknown person to the effect that a total of \$1800. would be paid for the approximately 36 or 38 machines that the Elks Lodge had to sell.

[] could not recall whether or not this unknown party had remarked as to where the machines were to go but he recalled that the unknown person had stated that he would have a truck there to pick the machines up on the Monday night following the date of the meeting. He advised further that complete arrangements for the sale of the machines were completed after the meeting. A few days subsequently, [] advised that someone had contacted FRANK PALMER, Exalted Ruler at that time, and had stated that the truck would not be available as previously arranged but that it would be available on approximately the following Friday evening. He advised that he had learned that PALMER had been re-contacted again by the unknown person to the effect that the pick up of the machines and the consummation of the

agreement would be postponed indefinitely.

[] stated that he recalled that it had been agreed that all handling of the machines was to be done by the unknown person from St. Paul and that title to same was to pass immediately upon the loading of the last machine on the truck and payment for same to the Lodge representative.

[] advised that he was quite sure that he would be able to recognize the unknown person again if he should see him or a photograph of him.

[] at the time of the meeting was one of the Chair Officers of the Elks Lodge.

[] Davenport, Iowa, an [] furnished substantially the same information concerning the meeting at the Elks Lodge as did [] above. [] in addition recalled that one, [] had been the one who had introduced the man interested in the purchase of the machines and that this man's name was [] stated that sometime during the course of the meeting at the Elks Lodge, as above described, that [] had presented him with a business calling card, which reflected that he, [] was a representative of the PASTER Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota.

[] further recalled that [] had said something to the effect that the slot machines were going to the summer resort country in the State of Minnesota but stated he could not recall of [] having remarked as to when the machines would be taken out of the State of Iowa to the above destination. He stated, however, that it was his impression that the machines were to go out immediately. He advised that the total price involved in the agreement with [] was \$1800. and he stated that it was his recollection that 36 slot machines had been involved.

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[] subsequently located and made available the business calling card which he had received from subject [] which card is being retained in the Omaha file. The information appearing on the face of this card is as follows:

"AMI; PASTER DISTRIBUTING CO.
Parts & Auxiliary Equipment
Coin Controlled Phonographs"

The telephone number "Nestor 7901 was set forth in the upper left hand corner of the card; in the lower left hand of the card is set forth the name [] in the lower right hand corner and opposite the name [] is set forth the address "2218 University Ave., St. Paul, Minn."

Mr. DARRELL DOYLE, 719 West 14th Street, Davenport, Iowa, and editor of the newspaper, The Morning Democrat, published at Davenport, Iowa, furnished

substantially the same information concerning the meeting held at the Elks Lodge as did [] above. [] was unable to recall the newspaper article referred to in preceding paragraphs, but he stated that he did recall that the meeting had been held prior to April 1 and subsequent to February 24, and that at the meeting one [] had introduced a man whose surname DOYLE recalled was [] and to whom the Elks Lodge had agreed to sell their 34-38 machines for \$1800. cash. He advised that he could not recall of [] having been introduced as being from St. Paul, Minnesota but he stated that somehow or other he had received the impression that [] was from Minnesota. He stated that he was quite sure that he would be able to recognize [] if seen again.

Mr. DOYLE was at the time of the meeting, and is at the present time, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Elks Lodge in Davenport, Iowa.

[] Davenport, Iowa, and [] Davenport, Iowa, both former members of the Board of Trustees of the Elks Lodge, Davenport, Iowa, advised separately that they had not been in attendance at the meeting at the Elks Lodge in March 1951, at which [] and [] had been present and which meeting was concerned with the disposition of the Elks Lodge slot machines. They advised that they had heard about the meeting subsequently but they both stated they could furnish no information of value relating thereto.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [] and the reporting agent:

AT IOWA CITY, IOWA

On October 3, 1951 Detective [] NA, of the Iowa City Police Department, advised that he has been personally acquainted with [] formerly of Iowa City but who now resides at Tiffin, Iowa, and who is presently the [] at Tiffin.

Detective [] said that for several years previous to the "crackdown" on gambling devices in Iowa in the fall of 1949, it was generally known throughout Iowa City and Johnson County that [] was one of the more substantial operators of slot machines throughout the county. [] went on to state that [] method of operation was to purchase slots and to install them in various night clubs, taverns and some smaller private clubs on a percentage basis. About the time of the above "crackdown" [] was known to [] to have disposed of his interests in the slot machines previously operated by him and he believes that [] sold them to [] of Oxford, Iowa.

[] said that to the best of his knowledge [] has had no machines to sell since that time but that it is entirely possible that he might have had some concealed somewhere which [] would not have known about because of their not having been in active operation.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [] and the reporting agent:

AT TIFFIN, IOWA

[] was interviewed concerning the disposition of slot machines previously owned and operated by him. [] said that at one time he operated nearly thirty machines in various locations throughout Johnson County, but that he took the machines out of operation and put them in storage at the time of the "crackdown" in the fall of 1919. He denied that he had sold the machines to [] of Oxford but said that the impression of the public might have been reached that this had transpired for the reason that he paid [] on a percentage basis to make collections from the machines, negotiate for space for same, to make repairs, and to handle other details in connection with their actual operation.

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[] said that he is aware there are concerns in St. Paul, Minnesota dealing in coin operated devices, including slot machines known as the Mayflower Distributing Company and the PASTER Distributing Company. He said that at one time, approximately four or five years ago, a representative of one of these companies had called upon him and had attempted to sell him slot machines, but that as he had other sources of supply, he made no purchases from this representative and has had no other contact with either of these companies to the best of his recollection. He said that he had never heard of anyone named [] and that no one had approached him for the purpose of purchasing slot machines at any time during the calendar year 1951.

[] further stated that the machines which he had previously operated, estimated to be approximately 26 or 28 in number, were sold by him to one [] of Ottawa, Illinois during the summer 1950 and that he understood that [] had taken the machines to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, immediately after the purchase and that he has also heard it rumored from what he now recalls as reliable sources, that the machines were ceased about a year ago by local law enforcement officers on their locations in Wyoming.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA []:

AT BROOKLYN, IOWA

[] Brooklyn Telephone Company, advised that telephone number 115 belonged to the Bramer Furniture Store, which is owned and operated by [] who, according to [], is entirely above reproach. [] stated that he had known [] for more than twenty years, and that his reputation is, and always has been, spotless.

In connection with the phone call made by an individual named [] (phonetic), on March 1, 1951 to the P&S Distributing Company of Des Moines, [] stated that he knew of no one in or near Brooklyn whose first or last name was []. [] theorized that the call was made by some person from out-of-town, who simply dropped into the [] store and asked to use the phone.

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[] advised that telephone number 151 was that of the Brooklyn Cafe which, until April 1951 was owned and operated by [] pronounced []. It is suggested that [] might be identical with individual in reference report whose name was phonetically spelled []. [] stated that he knew nothing about [] his activities, or his background.

According to [], the Brooklyn Cafe changed hands on or about April 1, 1951, and is now operated by one, [], who is said to have come to Brooklyn from Davenport, Iowa. [] added that [] still maintains a residence at Brooklyn, and that his home phone number is [].

[] Miles Clothing Store, who has been cooperative in the past in connection with other matters, advised that he had known [] for many years, and that he was sure that [] had no connection with slot-machine traffic, or any other illegal enterprise. [] further stated that he knew of no one in or near Brooklyn whose first or last name was [].

[] also informed the writer that [], to the best of his, [] knowledge, came to Brooklyn about two years ago, and that he and his wife were quiet, pleasant, hard workers, and well liked by the people of Brooklyn.

The following coin machines were observed by the writer in the Brooklyn Cafe:

One 5¢ ray-gun, one 5¢ music box, one 1¢ peanut machine, and one 1¢ scale.

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Inside the music box was a sticker bearing Des Moines phone number 3-2773, which is the number of the Melodee Music Company, 110 - 11th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. No other names or numbers were seen on any of the coin machines which would identify the operators of said machines.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]:

AT REINBECK, IOWA

[REDACTED] of the Lincoln Savings Bank, advised that [REDACTED] is a reputable businessman in the community and is presently operating a small machine shop for the Heisler Manufacturing Company of Hudson, Iowa. He said this is a new business, having been established for about three weeks. Prior to this, [REDACTED] was a salesman for the Heisler Company, having worked in this capacity from the summer of 1950 until about three weeks ago. He said [REDACTED] had South Iowa as his sales territory. The Heisler Company manufactures tractor high speed gears and other mechanical devices for farm machinery. Prior to this employment, [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] had the Kaiser-Frazer agency in Reinbeck, Iowa. He said [REDACTED] is a realtor in Reinbeck and that the family is a reputable one in the community.

AT WATERLOO, IOWA

It was determined that Waterloo telephone number 2-3976 is a pay station telephone at the Ellis Hotel in Waterloo. There is a [REDACTED] listed in the 1950 Waterloo City Directory as living at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], with a business address of 607 Franklin Street. He runs the "Town Talk," which is a tavern and restaurant.

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Records of the Waterloo Police Department were examined by Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who stated that [REDACTED] was arrested on February 28, 1948, for illegal possession of gambling devices, having been found in possession of punchboards, money and candy boards and joy jars, with tickets, at his place of business. On November 29, 1948, he was again arrested on the same charge for having a punchboard at his place of business.

Officer [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is not known to be interested or involved in the slot-machine racket.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]:

AT SHENANDOAH, IOWA

[REDACTED], Shenandoah, Iowa, advised that he has known [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in Shenandoah, Iowa, for approximately 11 years.

He stated that they were respectable persons in this community and had good reputations. He advised that at the present time [] was not practicing law in view of the fact that he had had a stroke and was practically an invalid. He stated that he had never heard anything which he would construe as unfavorable regarding either of the [].

A check of the telephone directory for the City of Shenandoah, Iowa, revealed that #201 was assigned to the law offices of FERGUSON and FERGUSON, which is located in the Rankin Building in that city.

The following investigation was conducted by SA []:

AT CARROLL, IOWA

A search of the Carroll, Iowa, telephone directory was made and it reflected that telephone number [] was listed to [] of the Midwest Automatic Music Company, 630 North Grand Street, Carroll, Iowa.

Sheriff AL THORUP, Carroll County, Carroll, Iowa, advised that [] the Midwest Music Company also [] Club #30, a night club in Carroll, Iowa, and formerly was connected with [] in operating an amusement machine franchise. He added that [] bought [] out and presently [] the Midwest Automatic Music Company alone.

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[] also stated that on September 25, 1950, he was in receipt of a demand for possession from the PASTER Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, for \$22,500.00, on [] and [] were the attorneys from Carroll, Iowa, representing PASTER in his interest against []. The sheriff advised further action in this judgment was satisfied.

Chief of Police advised that he was of the opinion that [] was of questionable character and he considered him to be the type of person who was out to make a fast buck under any condition.

[], Carroll County Credit Bureau, Carroll, Iowa, advised that [] has had numerous business dealings with the PASTER Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, the Atlas Music Company, the Sailor Distributing Company, the Mayflower Distributing Company, and all of his business dealings with the above mentioned companies had been on a credit basis which had been on a credit basis which had been satisfied. In connection with [] dealings with the Paster Distributing Company it was the policy of [] to lease machines from this company and eventually obtain ownership of them after he had paid in full for the machines purchased.

[] Clerk of Court, Carroll County, Iowa, advised that numerous judgments had been obtained against [] but all have been settled in full. [] records further reflected that [] has been the defendant in a suit brought by the State of Iowa for operating a gambling house on May 11, 1942 and was fined \$100.

An article with an AP byline dated February 19, 1945, stated that L. R. CHAPMAN pled guilty on illegal possession of a slot machine, as a result he was fined \$200. plus \$6.35 costs. The article further states that he was arrested five miles west of Des Moines, Iowa, by highway Patrolman BYRON HOCKENBERRY when HOCKENBERRY became suspicious when CHAPMAN's auto passed his patrol car because the trunk of CHAPMAN's car was partly opened and appeared heavily loaded. Upon investigation it disclosed two slot machines.

[], Highway Patrolman, advised that Day Trucking Company who haul at times for [] are in possession of a Red truck of the small moving van-type, International truck probably 1946 model. The truck was probably of some other color as it appears as it was painted over. [] also advised that an employee of [] drove a 1946 Gray Chevrolet Sedan with small trailer attached with a large padlock on this trailer and had been seen by [] on numerous occasions in the early hours of the morning driving through side roads and on one occasion, was stopped by [] and [] stated that he was coming from Omaha, Nebraska. [] is reported to be related to [] through marriage.

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[], Clerk, Carroll County, Iowa, advised that the following cars were registered to []: a 1947 Chevrolet Sedan delivery, green in color; a 1948 Green Chevrolet one-half ton pickup; a 1949 Chevrolet four door sedan, green. [] also advised that a 1947 Chevrolet, green, one-half ton pickup was registered to the Midwest Automatic Music Company of which [] is the owner.

The following investigation was conducted by SA []:

AT IOWA CITY, IOWA

Telephone number [] is listed to one [], residing at []. [] is presently employed by the P & S Distributing Company, Iowa City. Employment of [] is the servicing of juke boxes for three counties surrounding Iowa City, Iowa. [] was formerly a University of Iowa student and at one time was in business for himself in the distribution and repair of juke boxes in the Iowa City area.

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Records of the Iowa City Credit Bureau reflect that [redacted], a former State University of Iowa student, had recently sold his business which consisted of the distribution and repair of juke boxes in the Iowa City area to the F & S Distributing Company, by whom he is presently employed in the same line of business. Nothing derogatory was contained in the files regarding [redacted].

Records of the Sheriff's Office and Police Department, Iowa City, were examined and no record was found for [redacted].

AT FAIRFAX, IOWA

Investigation conducted at Fairfax, Iowa, fails to reflect any information regarding a family or party by the name of [redacted] residing in that area.

Records of the telephone office at Fairfax, Iowa, were examined and no listing was found under the number 114W. Information obtained at this office was to the effect that no number is listed for a party by the name of [redacted] and that no such number as 114W or any like numbers are used in the telephone listings for the Fairfax Area.

Telephone offices at Marion, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa, were contacted and none of the above mentioned offices carry telephone numbers in their listings such as 114W. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]:

AT DAVENPORT, IOWA

All downtown hotels and all motels in the Davenport area, as well as those at Bettendorf, Iowa, were checked with negative results for the registration of anyone named ALBERT or ABRAHAM GARDNER on the night of March 1-2, 1951.

In this connection it is to be noted that [redacted] has advised the reporting agent that in his opinion it is very likely that GARDNER shared the room of [redacted] at the Blackhawk Hotel as he believes that he recalls having heard [redacted] mention something to that general effect, the following day.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]:

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Confidential Informant, [redacted] of known reliability, advised of having a superficial acquaintance with the [redacted] who operate the May-flower Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. The informant advised

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that the [] whom the informant knows best, is the one who "shacks up" with one [] and the informant advised of having access to a photograph of that particular []. Informant further advised that the then present manager of the Redwood Inn, Florence, Nebraska, might possibly be a source of information concerning the operation of the Mayflower Distributing Company inasmuch as that individual was the manager of the Omaha Branch of the Mayflower Distributing Company during 1950, but was discharged by one of the [].

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The following investigation was conducted by SA []:

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Confidential Informant, [], of unknown reliability, advised that about 10 months previous, ALLEN NILVA, of the Mayflower Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, had contacted the informant in an attempt to purchase slot machines. The informant denied having sold any to NILVA on that occasion. Further, according to the informant, one [] of Osage, Iowa, was employed by the Mayflower Distributing Company to contact all clubs in Northern Iowa in an effort to purchase their slot machines. Informant understands that this employment was on a commission basis. Informant advised that [] has a brother who ran a night club at Clear Lake, Iowa. Informant said that [] had made many contacts in the Northern Part of Iowa for machines on behalf of the Mayflower Distributing Company and said that it was common knowledge among coin operated machine fraternity that about ten months ago the PASTER interests in St. Paul, Minnesota were buying up machines although informant feels that the machines purchased at that time have probably long since been transported to Minnesota and probably by truck. It was further stated by the informant that one [] of Davenport, Iowa, was friendly with the PASTER interests and has been contacted by representatives of that group concerning the sales of his slot machines.

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It is noted that [] is probably identical with [] who operates the Sears Amusement Company at 528 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, and who resides at 324 Fairmount Avenue. It is also noted that [] was at one time known to have been the leading slot machine operator in Davenport but that he was reported to have smashed all of his machines at the time of the enactment of the "Minnesota Law" in February 1951.

The following investigation was conducted by SA []:

AT OTTUMWA, IOWA

[], who has been found to be reliable as to information furnished in the past, advised that as []

until April 1949, it was his duty to [redacted]
[redacted] in the Elks Lodge. He said that
in April 1949, he [redacted]
[redacted] up to the present time. [redacted] said that he [redacted]
[redacted] one ED DORNIFE, now deceased, who had charge of the slot
machines as Chairman of the Welfare Committee until they were stored as
a result of the State drive against gambling in about October 1949.
[redacted] said that [redacted] of the Ottumwa Tent and Awning
Company, is the present [redacted], but that because of the State gambling
ban, he has had nothing to do with the slot machines owned by the club.
[redacted] said that he believed that the machines were still in storage
and had not been sold but that he would make certain of this fact under
an appropriate pretext.

[redacted] later advised the writer that he contacted [redacted] and [redacted]
trustee, and advised them that, as a member of the Welfare Committee, he
was interested in knowing if all slot machines were still in storage. [redacted]
[redacted] said that he told these men that the recent arrest of a river boat
operator on a charge of interstate transportation of gambling devices had
caused him to wonder if the club had sold any of its machines which might
be illegally transported. He said that he was assured that all machines,
numbering 25, are still in storage in Wapello County. [redacted] said that
[redacted] and [redacted] offered to take him to the machines and show them to him,
but he told them this was not necessary. He said that he told [redacted] and
[redacted] that he would like to be advised of any offers received for the
machines and they told him that they would let him know if they received
any offers, stating that it was their intention to keep the machines until
gambling was again legal.

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[redacted] said that he would advise the writer if the Elks Lodge received any
offers for the slot machines in their possession. He added that, while
talking to [redacted] and [redacted], he mentioned the names of several people,
including that of the subject, [redacted], as people whom he heard were
interested in buying slot machines. [redacted] said that [redacted] and [redacted]
stated that none of the names, including that of subject [redacted] were familiar
to them.

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LEADS

ATTENTION ALL OFFICES

Preferred and expeditious attention to the following leads has been requested by the Bureau. Each office should furnish information copies of this report, in the absence of any investigative leads to the Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Springfield Offices in addition to the Omaha Office which is origin.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, at the Bell-O-Matic Corporation, 4100 Fullerton Avenue, survey the records of that company for all available data thereby reflected concerning the original purchase of the ten slot machines sold by WILLIAM C. KNOOP, as set forth in the details of the foregoing report, it being noted that KNOOP has been unable to locate his records with reference thereto. KNOOP has advised that all of the machines were "Mills Black Beauty" machines consisting of three nickel machines, three dime machines and four quarter machines, which machines were purchased in two separate lots, the first of which was during the summer of 1948 and the second of which was during the summer or fall of 1949. KNOOP has advised that the machines were new at the time of purchase and were shipped direct to Davenport, Iowa from the Bell-O-Matic Corporation in Chicago by a common carrier on both occasions and may have been billed by Bell-O-Matic Corporation to him as W. C. KNOOP, personally, to KNOOP's tavern to the Scott County Voiture of the Forty & Eight or to the Davenport Forty & Eight. This lead is to ascertain the serial numbers and exact descriptions of KNOOP's machines and, upon location of the pertinent sales records, reflecting this data, photostatic copies of each invoice or other documents should be procured together with photostatic copies of any transportation data. Copies of each such document should be furnished to the Bureau, Minneapolis, Springfield and Omaha.

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will identify and furnish background information re the subscriber to telephone numbers [] or [] as of March 2, 1951. It is noted that the records of Hotel Blackhawk, Davenport, Iowa, reflect that [] placed a call to one "PASTER" believed to be HERMAN PASTER, at one of the above numbers on the morning of that date, but the handwriting

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on the toll ticket prepared by the hotel switchboard operator is very poor. It is believed that the above call would probably have been directed to PASTER either at the hotel room or probably at the office facilities of the Branch Office of the PASTER Distributing Company at Milwaukee, which information may assist in ascertaining the identity of the number called. Will, further, when such number is identified, procure a factual traffic check for long distance calls placed from or to PASTER during the period February 26, 1951 and March 5, 1951, both dates inclusive, it being noted that investigation to date indicates that HERMAN PASTER may be guilty of a violation of the General Conspiracy Statute in connection with instant matter, if in fact, he has not actually violated the Federal statutes relating to the interstate transportation of gambling devices. The Milwaukee Office will further make a check of confidential informants, also the registration records of the leading downtown hotels in attempt to develop information which would place HERMAN PASTER in Milwaukee on March 1 or 2, 1951. ~~Is~~ successful in locating such records will obtain a back traffic check for all long distance calls placed or received by HERMAN PASTER at that place during the above period.

THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota

Will procure a recent photograph of [] for exhibition to various witnesses in the Omaha and Springfield territories, supplying one copy to the Bureau, one to Springfield and ten copies to Omaha. It is noted that only one tentative identification has been made at Davenport, Iowa, on the basis of the photographs of [] previously submitted, probably due to the fact that it is an old photograph.

Will attempt to identify the man employed by the PASTER interests to transport large quantities of slot machines from St. Paul, Minnesota to Chicago, Illinois and other points outside Minnesota during the period of January and February 1951, it being noted that [] has advised that on March 1, 1951 [] had disclosed to him that this man had transported large quantities of slot machines to Chicago and points East of Chicago in his semi-trailer truck but refused to function in a similar capacity when contacted on that date by a representative of the PASTER interests in connection with making the trip to Davenport, Iowa, for the purpose of returning slots purchased in that area to St. Paul, Minnesota. In this connection it is noted that [] mentioned that [] had said that this individual had acted innocently and that his refusal on the last mentioned occasion was due to the fact that he had discovered that he had been hauling slot machines in interstate commerce in violation of the Federal law.

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At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will, at the Larson Transfer Company, 2010 - 21st Avenue South, ascertain if their allowance for credit to the Mayflower Distributing Company on the basis of a flat tire on the Dodge truck was predicated upon any receipted bills or other documentary evidence of such expenditure, it being noted that GARDNER and/or [] had a tire from the above truck

repaired at Handleman and Wiesman Company, Rock Island, Illinois on the morning of March 2, 1951.

Will, when available, show more recent photos of GARDNER and [] to employees of the Larson Transfer Company with a view to establishing the identity of the men who rented the Dodge truck on behalf of the Mayflower Distributing Company. In this connection, it is suggested that photographs of HERMAN PASTER, ALLEN NILVA, WALTER D. JOHNSON, and other persons prominently identified with the PASTER interests also be shown. Further, in this connection, it is noted that [] has indicated that [] made long distance call to St. Paul, Minnesota on March 1, 1951, requesting that arrangements be made for rental of the truck on that date, hence it is highly improbable, if not impossible, that he could have been the person who made arrangements for the truck on that occasion although he might have done so had the truck been rented on February 26, 1951.

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Will, ^{through} confidential informants, attempt to develop details as to the nature and extent of the activities of the PASTER interests buying up slot machines during the period of January to June, 1951, including the transportation thereof to St. Paul, Minnesota from points outside that State, also the subsequent distribution thereof outside Minnesota. Will also attempt to determine the disposition of the large quantity of machines allegedly stored in the PASTER Distributing Company building at St. Paul, Minnesota during February 1951.

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At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will continue to report information developed in other cases which might have pertinent relationship to instant case.

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Rock Island, Illinois

Will interview [] of Eddie's New Yorker, for all available information concerning the removal of the slot machines of KNOOP from the basement of that tavern on the morning of March 2, 1951 and the loading thereof into the truck used by [] and GARDNER on that occasion. [] is stated to have witnessed the entire proceeding and to have been with [] and GARDNER at the time. He should be shown photographs of GARDNER, and also the truck used for identification purposes. It is suggested that [] may have made some sort of a bookkeeping entry on that date

reflecting the receipt from KNOOP of the \$375. amount representing his share of the proceeds of the sale of the KNOOP machines as set forth in the details of this report. In this event a photostatic copy of that record should be procured and furnished to the Omaha Office.

At Voss Brothers Express and Storage Company, 2125 Third Avenue, will re-interview all persons employed there on March 2, 1951, who are known to have witnessed or who may have had some connection with the loading of the Davenport American Legion Post slots into the truck operated by GARDNER and [REDACTED]. Also will show to each such persons the photographs of these subjects and the photograph of the truck used by [REDACTED] and GARDNER for identification purposes.

Will, at the Gardner Music Company, 1103 Third Avenue, procure and forward to the Bureau, Omaha, and Minneapolis, photostatic copies of all invoices directed to the American Legion Post #26, Davenport, Iowa, covering slot machines sold to that Post. It is noted that only four such original invoices were located in the records of such Post, although [REDACTED] has stated that all 28 of the slots sold to [REDACTED] on March 2, 1951 were purchased as new machines from the Gardner Music Company and were invoiced under their make, description and serial number on the occasion of each purchase. [REDACTED] has also advised that these machines were purchased singly at intervals of approximately 30 days preceding November, 1949. If duplicate invoices showing the sale to the above Post are not available, in lieu thereof other records of the Gardner Music Company undoubtedly can be obtained or located which will reflect the dates of sales and the detailed descriptions of the above 28 slot machines, including their serial numbers. These serial numbers should be checked against the inventory submitted to the Attorney General's office by the Mayflower Distributing Company.

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At Rock Island or Moline, Illinois

Will interview [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Rock Island, Illinois and [REDACTED] the Hallgren Music Company, 1304 4th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, concerning the details of all available information relating to his having cashed the check of [REDACTED] at Hallgren's home, presumably on the evening of March 1, 1951, allegedly in the approximate amount of \$1700. and drawn on a bank in either Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota. The proceeds of this check were allegedly used by [REDACTED] as the purchase price of the Davenport American Legion and KNOOP's slot machines the following day. If [REDACTED] is unable to recall the descriptive details of this check, it is requested that efforts be made to obtain same from the Recordak records of [REDACTED] bank. In interviewing

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[] it is suggested that it be carried in mind that [] might have disclosed to him the purpose for which he intended to use the proceeds of the check as they were believed to have been friendly at that time.

At Rock Island, Illinois

At Handelman and Wissman Company, 2301 Third Avenue, will display photographs of [] and GARDNER to all persons who were employed there on March 2, 1951, it being noted that the tire from the truck used by [] and GARDNER as described above was repaired there that date at about the same time that the Davenport American Legion slots were being loaded onto the truck at the Voss Brothers Warehouse which is located less than one block away. Photographs of that truck should also be exhibited to all such employees and the records of that concern should be checked under the names of [] and GARDNER for that date, also those for the Mayflower Distributing Company, the PASTER Distributing Company and the Larson Transfer Company.

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At Davenport, Iowa

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Will re-interview [], Green Front Cigar Store, 115 Brady Street, for further details concerning the following points (a) his possible receipt of telephone calls from [] on March 1, and 2, 1951, it being noted that one call was made to [] residence telephone on March 1, 1951 and one to his place of business on March 2, 1951, said calls having been placed from [] room at the Blackhawk Hotel, (b) [] possible receipt of a telephone call from [] on March 8, 1951 placed by [] from the Blackhawk Hotel to [] home telephone, (c) his present possession of slot machines and the details regarding their storage and possible sales thereof.

Will recontact WILLIAM C. KNOOP, KNOOP's tavern, 329 West 2nd Street, to determine if he has located purchase records and other data relating to the ten slot machines sold by him to [] as reported above. Any descriptions or serial numbers available should be checked through the various inventories of the Mayflower Distributing Company which has been filed with the United States Attorney General.

Will exhibit photographs of [] to the following persons for identification purposes: []
WILLIAM C. KNOOP, [], FRANK L. PALMER, []
[]. Noted

that the latter seven persons allegedly dealt with [] as officers of the Davenport Elks Club on March 1, 1951.

Will exhibit photographs of ALBERT GARDNER and the truck used by [] and GARDNER on March 2, 1951 to the following persons for identification purposes: [], WILLIAM C. KNOOP.

Will recontact [] and [] for any additional information which they may be able to furnish.

Will interview [] residing at [] the Sears Amusement Company, 528 Brady Street (3-0741) for such information as [] may be able to furnish concerning matters pertinent to instant case and also for details of what disposition he made of the slot machines formerly owned by him.

Will contact officers of the Am-Vets Post #18, 1524 Harrison Street, for any available information which would indicate that [] had contacted that Post in an effort to purchase slot machines during the pertinent period.

Will interview the officers of the V.F.W. Post, 400 Block Perry Street, for any available information which would indicate that [] had contacted that Post in an effort to purchase slot machines during pertinent period.

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At Des Moines, Iowa

Will, through confidential informant coverage, checking of court records, credit records, and other sources of information, obtain background information concerning the alleged splitting up of the partnership of HERMAN PASTER and [] in the operation of the P & S Distributing Company. It is noted that [] has alleged that [] is hostile to PASTER and the PASTER interests and if so, he might be regarded as a productive source of information concerning the operations of that group.

Will recontact [], Atlas Music Company, for such pertinent information as he may be in position and willing to furnish.

At Osage, Iowa

Will conduct necessary investigation to determine whether or not [], mentioned in the details of this report would be susceptible to approach as a confidential informant concerning the activities of the

PASTER Distributing Company and light enterprises, it being noted that it has been alleged that he acted on behalf of these interests at one time in purchasing slot machines in Northern Iowa.

At LeClaire, Iowa

Will remain in contact with [] both for clarification of information furnished by him to date and for possible additional pertinent information. Will also follow [] to determine if he has located the letter from HERMAN PASTER mentioned in the details of this report.

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At Omaha, Nebraska

Will recontact [] and procure the photograph of the [] which he presumably has provided that it should be one of []. For assistance in the covering of this lead, it is noted that an old photograph of [] is presently available to the Omaha Office. It is further requested that [] be interviewed fully for any information which the informant may have concerning the procurement of slots by the PASTER interests any time subsequent to January 2, 1951.

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At Various Points in Northeastern Iowa

Will, in the approximate Northeastern third of the State from a line approximately North from Ames to the Minnesota border and from Ames East to Clinton, Iowa, North of U. S. Highway #30 contact all persons in clubs known to have formerly owned and operated slot machines subsequent to January 2, 1951 to determine the disposition thereof. In this connection it is noted that [] says that [] mentioned to him on March 1 or 2, 1951 that he, [], had personally purchased large quantities of slot machines in this general area and had personally transported them to the PASTER headquarters at St. Paul, Minnesota, presumably by means of a light green 1950 Chevrolet panel or

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sedan delivery truck owned by the PASTER interests which probably would borne a Minnesota license.

In the covering of this lead it is noted that calls were made from the PASTER Distributing Company or their related enterprises in St. Paul, Minnesota as follows: February 19, 1951, Telephone 14, New Hampton, Iowa to "Manager"; February 19, 1951, Telephone 621, Charles City, Iowa, the V.F.W. Club, 11:02 P.M. on February 20, 1951, Telephone 9440, Iowa Falls, Iowa, to the Manager of the Elks Club at 8:27 P.M.; February 20, 1951 to [redacted] Legion Club, New Hampton, Iowa, 8:24 P.M.; February 26, 1951 to [redacted] c/o Elks Club, Iowa Falls, Iowa at 11:33 P.M.

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In the covering of this general lead it is suggested that appropriate persons be contacted at each of the private clubs and that they be directly and specifically interrogated as to the disposition of any slot machines owned by any of such clubs on or after January 1, 1951.

INFORMANTS

[Redacted Informants Section]

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/5/51 at Omaha, Nebraska.
Reports of SA [redacted] dated 7/6/51 and 9/24/51 at Springfield, Ill.
Reports of SA [redacted], dated 9/14/51, 10/6/ and 10/18/51 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Report of SA [redacted], dated 10/4/51 at Washington, D. C.
Omaha letter to Director dated 9/29/51.

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 11-5-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-5-7,10,17,21,27,30; 5-1-4,9,15,18,23,28; 6-2,5,8,19,21,25,30; 7-2,6,9,10,18,26; 8-3,15,21,23,30;9-4, 6,10,17,19,21,22,26- 29;10-1-6,8,22,23-51	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] /pm
TITLE CHANGED [redacted], was., [redacted] [redacted] wa., [redacted]: ALBERT H. GARDNER, was.,		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF GAMBLING DEVICES	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Abraham Gardner, Al Gardner; HERMAN PASTER			
<p>SYNOPSIS: Investigation at Davenport, Iowa, reflects that on or about 3-1-51 [redacted] came to that city, presumably from Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minnesota, and negotiated for the purchase of slot machines with [redacted] and [redacted], respectively [redacted] of American Legion Post #26, Davenport, Iowa, also with one WILLIAM C. KNOOP, a Davenport tavern owner, which negotiations resulted in the purchase of 28 slot machines from the above post and 10 from KNOOP the following day. On 3-2-51 [redacted] and one AL GARDNER, stated to be an employee of the Herman Paster interests in St. Paul, Minnesota, loaded seven of the slot machines purchased from the post into a truck at Davenport, Iowa, and proceeded in the truck to Rock Island, Illinois, where the remaining 21 slots of the post were loaded into the truck. Following that the ten machines purchased from KNOOP were loaded into the truck also at Rock Island, Illinois, and [redacted] and GARDNER left Rock Island in the truck containing the load of the above machines, presumably for St. Paul, Minnesota. On 3-1-51 [redacted] made arrangements with the Davenport Elks Club for the purchase of 38 slot machines under which he was to call for same with a truck on the evening of 3-5-51, which arrangements were canceled on the afternoon of that date. Also on 3-1-51 he contacted [redacted], who was formerly a leading slot machine operator at Davenport, Iowa, in an attempt to purchase slot machines from [redacted]. Descriptions and serial numbers of four of the machines purchased from the above American Legion Post were obtained from records of that post and two of said machines are found to be included in the various inventories of the Mayflower Distributing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, filed with the Office of the Attorney</p>			
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